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SACRIFICIAL SERVICE.

(Florence Frazier, N. P. E. I., Portland.)

First let us consider what is "sacrificial service." To do this I believe we will have to know what sacrifice is. The dictionary gives it as anything consecrated or offered to God in the way of religious thanksgiving, atonement or conciliation. Also the destruction or surrender of anything for the sake of something else; devotion of some desirable object in behalf of a higher object or to a claim more pressing.

Sacrifice springs from love. A mother considers no sacrifice too great for the sake of her child. The rest she forfeits to stay by the bedside of her child is not to be considered. Anything she can do for its welfare or pleasure is her delight.

The dictionary says that sacrifice is the surrender of anything for the sake of something else. When we have real sacrifice it is a love service and the surrender of anything seems nothing because of the pleasure we derive from serving the one we love.

A student told me of attending the funeral of a seventeen year old girl who had all her life been a cripple. He thought that her death would be a relief, not only to her as a great sufferer, but also to her mother who cared for her. But to his surprise the mother's grief seemed even more poignant than if it had been one of her other children. So not only does sacrifice spring from love, but sacrifice begets love. He for whom we sacrifice most, we love most.

Those who make the greatest sacrifices do not count them as such. While intellectually we may know a sacrifice is being made, yet we do not count it as a sacrifice. At one time a man spoke to Livingstone of the great sacrifices he had made, and Livingstone replied, "I have never made a sacrifice." When service is truly sacrificial service, the object loved makes the work easy and the sacrifice as tho there was none.

In the twenty-first chapter of Exodus we have the law concerning a Hebrew servant. If he served six years, on the seventh he should go out free; but if he should plainly say, "I love my master, my wife, and my children, I will not go out free," then his master should bring him before the judges at the door post of the temple and should bore his ear thru with an awl. He would then be his master's love-slave forever. True sacrifice springs from love, and if we, as Christian Endeavorers, would do service

which counts for God in these days, it must be from love.

I believe we do not love as we ought from the fact that we do not give the sacrificial service that we should give. True sacrificial service is one of the scarcest things I know about. In thinking about this subject I found it very difficult to know what to say, and all at once it came over me why. I knew so little about it myself. We have people who will do work and work which should be done and think they are doing a great service, but it is not sacrificial service until we have surrendered something else to make it possible. Perhaps we say, "I did give up something so I could do this for the Lord," but just how much did any of us give up? There are few who really give till it hurts, pray until they have the assurance that the answer will come, and serve until they really know what sacrificial service is.

It seems as tho God was able to use the busiest man in Bible times to go on the errand or do the work He wanted done. In this time it is usually the busiest who find time to do that one more thing—lead the prayer meeting, teach a Sunday School class, or visit that sick neighbor.

Did you ever think of prayer as sacrificial service? You have no doubt all heard of Chas. G. Finney, the great evangelist, but have you ever heard of Father Nash, who was always on his knees alone with God as Mr. Finney preached, praying for God's blessing on the meeting and for the salvation of souls? It is easier to pray when others are praying, and victory is near, but there is a great lack of intercessors who will hold onto the throne of grace and pray when there is not even a cloud the size of a man's hand in sight, and other people—perhaps good Christians too—have decided that perhaps it wasn't the Lord's will after all. The staying quality, the faith that will reach God, and the intercession that will not be denied, becomes real sacrificial service.

There are many opportunities for sacrificial service. I think of the life of Livingstone. At one time on arriving at Chibisa's, they learned that there was a native war raging and a slave party was coming thru probably the following day, so they decided to stop. The question in the mind of each was whether to interfere or not. If they did, probably the wrath of the Portuguese officers would be incurred and their baggage would be confiscated in retaliation. But was it right to see men and women

shackled and sold? The "open sore of Africa," as Livingstone expressed it, grieved him so that they decided to free these even if their property was taken. This they did after hearing how they had been captured and how one man who became so weary in the march was killed, and how a mother's babe had its brains dashed out because she could not carry it and the required load. I can imagine Livingstone was completely repaid by being able to tell the story of Jesus to one of the little slave boys who said, "The others tied and starved us; you cut the ropes and tell us to eat. What sort of people are you? Where do you come from?" He wrote to Robert Moffatt, "Cannot the love of Christ carry the missionary where the slave trade carries the trader? I shall open up a path to the interior or perish. * * Be a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow for Jesus' sake."

But it is not necessary for us to go to Africa or India to serve. Perhaps it took a greater sacrifice on the part of Mrs. Livingstone to leave her husband, to go back to educate their children in England. Livingstone went back into the interior of Africa, and she did not even know whether she would ever see him again, "But they also serve who only stand and wait."

There is a large opportunity for practical service right here at home. There are people who wait until Thursday evening to decide whether they are going to prayer meeting or not, while there are others whom we know will always be there unless they are ill or caring for some one who is ill. I am sure the latter class must be a great comfort to the pastor.

Considering all, to have real sacrificial service we must consecrate and that means surrender all—not as the heathen mother who throws her baby in the Ganges as a conciliation to her god, but as a love service to the One who has redeemed us and bought us with His own precious blood.

"CHRIST CONTROLLED."

Ross C. Miles, South Salem.

The yielding of youth; prayer; and sacrifice are all essential elements of a Christ controlled life, but as Jesus told the young man, as it is told in Mark 10: 17-22, the final question is not how much did you do, for we do not all have the same ability, but did Christ control your

life, or in other words did you do your best as guided by Him?

This sort of living should make us more alert to some of the appalling facts such as those brought out by the World Survey which shows that Protestant children get 24 hours religious training in a year's time, as compared with 200 hours for Catholic and 334 hours for Jews. Seventy-two per cent of our young people of Endeavor age in Oregon are not reached by the church. Less than two cents was spent per capita in this country in 1919 for religious education, while there were seven cents per capita spent in the same year for pencils.

Are we really of the opinion that we are trying to make the whole world Christian?

What can we do toward the great work to be done, if we go in our own strength? Only thru the greater willingness on our part to work out the plans of our Master can the World come to know Him.

OREGON YEARLY MEETING PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR 1921.

Fourth Day, Sixth Month Eighth

P. M.
Meeting on Ministry and Oversight 3:00
Meeting for Prayer..... 8:00

Fifth Day, Sixth Month Ninth

A. M.
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00
Opening of Yearly Meeting..... 10:00

P. M.
Meeting of Representatives and Caretakers 1:00
Business 2:00
Systematic and Proportionate Giving 2:30
Literature 3:15
Meeting of Permanent Board..... 7:00
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00

Sixth Day, Sixth Month Tenth

A. M.
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00
Business 10:00
Foreign Missions 10:30

P. M.
Business 2:00
Evangelism and Church Extension. 2:30
Pacific College Corporation Meeting at Wood-Mar Hall 8:00
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00

Seventh Day, Sixth Month Eleventh

A. M.
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00
Business 10:00

Peace and Arbitration (with Report of Yearly Meeting Service Committee) 10:30

P. M.
Business 2:00
Education 2:30

Christian Endeavor Business Meeting 4:00
Christian Endeavor Rally--Business 8:00

First Day, Sixth Month Twelfth

A. M.
Meetings for Worship... 8:00 and 11:00
P. M.

Meetings for Worship... 3:00 and 8:00
A. M.

Bible School 9:45

Second Day, Sixth Month Thirteenth
A. M.
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00
Business 10:00

Bible Schools..... 10:30
Temperance 11:15
P. M.

Business 2:00
Social Service 3:00
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00

Third Day, Sixth Month Fourteenth

(If necessary) A. M.
Meeting for Worship..... 8:00
Business 10:00

SOCIETY NEWS

GREENLEAF.

A number of the Christian Endeavorers sang for several people who are not able to attend services, Easter morning and afternoon.

An Easter program was rendered at the Greenleaf church Sunday evening, March 27th, mainly by the primary department of the Sunday School.

The Junior C. E. played several games on the church lawn after which they were taken to the home of Mrs. Carol Crew, their superintendent, where they enjoyed a picnic dinner Saturday, April 2.

Misses Rosa Allen and Lucile Coat, Endeavorers of Boise, visited friends at Greenleaf from April 2nd to 16th.

A Sunday School rally was held at the Greenleaf church Sunday afternoon and evening, April 10th. Mr. Keller and Mrs. Hooks, our State C. E. President, who gave us addresses at the rally, were with us in our weekly prayer meeting. After this service Mr. Keeler gave us a very deep sermon on "The Four-fold Life."

Dr. Allen, who was a medical missionary in Persia for fifteen years, gave a very interesting address at the Greenleaf church, Friday evening, April 8th. Mr. Allen pictured vividly the conditions in Persia during the war. He intends to go back to his work again this summer and we are sure he needs our prayers, for we feel he is in a place of influence for our Master.

SOUTH SALEM.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl E. Miller wish to thank the Endeavorers for their prayers during the recent illness in their home. Dr. Miller was shut in for two months, but is glad to report that he is out again. They also wish to announce that they are the proud parents of a daughter, Abigail Luella by name.

HIGHLAND.

Our regular monthly business meeting was held at the home of Elmer Conn, March 25th. Owing to the resignation of our former president, Nathan Swabb, Miss Winifred Frazier was duly elected to fill the vacancy. The social part of the evening was greatly enjoyed.

Calvin Thomas, one of our most active C. E. members, has removed to Portland, and has probably joined the ranks of Sunnyside. While this is a gain for them it is a very great loss for us.

Our regular correspondent, Miss Ethlyn Armstrong, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Deva Armstrong, are visiting the parents of the former at Roseburg for a few weeks. Her absence accounts for any deficiency in the accompanying news items.

Plans have been made and definite steps are being taken by the Highland Friends, for the construction of a commodious new church in the near future.

The Lull family, having reconsidered their plans of removal to the country, have now located within a few blocks of the church.

Measles made a big "hit" in this community.

SCOTTS MILLS.

A splendid program was rendered by our S. S. on Easter morning, followed by a very timely message by our pastor. The house was filled to overflowing, and we trust that some of the seed sown may spring up into life eternal.

Our attendance at S. S. is increasing and we scarcely have room for our nine classes.

The most popular thing around town now-a-days is the measles.

On Sunday morning, April 10th, nine persons were welcomed into the church, some coming by request, others by letter from other churches.

One Sabbath morning during this month we were privileged to listen to a very clear message on tithing, by our pastor. The Lord has been blessing our Store House League and during these strenuous times it is really marvelous how the tithe has been coming in. We are more convinced than ever that it is God's way of financing His work.

Lila Brougner is sick with the mumps.

Some folks have been talking "Newport" already.

SPRINGBROOK.

Several of the Endeavorers enjoyed a "sing" at the home of Myrtle Newby, Sunday afternoon, April 10.

The Junior C. E. work has been resumed under the leadership of Marjorie Brown and Mary Mills. They are taking up the study of the Junior C. E. Expert book.

Miss Lee, a returned missionary from India, was with us Sunday evening, April 3, and gave a very interesting talk on her work in that country. She brought a large number of curios with her, which were also very interesting.

Rev. Carl Miller, our pastor, has preached two very instructive and helpful sermons on the second coming of Christ at the past two Sunday morning services.

Two homes in the neighborhood have recently been saddened by the loss of loved ones. Mrs. Alva Heater, a faithful worker in the church and Sunday School, passed on to her reward March 29, after several weeks of patient suffering. Wilbur Green, the three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Green, passed away after a brief illness. He was a bright, happy little fellow and is missed in the neighborhood as well as in the home. Our sympathy goes out to these friends in their sorrow, but we know they trust in Him, whose grace is sufficient for every need.

FIRST CHURCH, PORTLAND.

The C. E. business meeting was held at the home of Helen and Lila Bentley, April 12th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Virgil Snow; vice-president, Sadie Reed; secretary, Hilma Hendrickson; treasurer, Cecil Smith; organist, Olive Terrell; song leader, Frank Fanno. The committee chairmen are, Edith Coleman, Ira La Gass, Gladys Hadley, Wilfred Pearson, and Dee Newlin.

A farewell and consecration meeting for outgoing missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, was held at the church, Tuesday evening, April 19th. After the consecration service, light refreshments were served in the basement. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford leave immediately for Central America, where they will have charge of the large mission farm.

AN OPEN DOOR.

J. Sanger Fox.

John's message to the church of Philadelphia (that surely ought to be the Friend's Church by all rules of derivation, word meanings as well as American history) contains this clause: (Rev. 3:8) "Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." Which of us has not been present in meeting after meeting in various parts of Oregon Yearly Meeting where a call was being made for young lives to be consecrated to God's service in the mission field or pastorate and witnessed the hungry heart-broken response of some who because of age or other disability were unable to look forward with joy to coming active service?

Some, it may be, were called earlier in life, but either they or the church, most likely both, were not then faithful so the call has not been answered, and now, with the retrospective vision of maturity they hunger with a sort of indefinable unsatisfied heart-hunger for a place of usefulness to the Master. Many such are trying hard to feed that hunger in menial service; many a humble worker whose faithfulness in the little tasks is taken as a matter of course, if their real hearts were bared would be found to be actuated by a spirit of consecration as great at that which actuates any foreign missionary, but without the like reward of public recognition as soldiers for Jesus. Then, too, it may be that some have gifts which in comparison with those of others seem so small and insignificant either in their own sight or in the sight of the church, or very likely both, that they find themselves unused in their home meeting.

To these two classes I believe I have a message. This has been on my heart for a long time, was greatly intensified during my term as Field Secretary for the Yearly Meeting when many of these two classes opened their hearts to me, and my stay of nearly two years as pastor at one of our smallest and most isolated meetings has kept the subject ever before me. The message is that there is a very real open door of service for Jesus just waiting for these two classes of soldiers of the cross; a door which neither the world, the flesh or the devil are able to shut; a door against which even ecclesiastism with its zeal for only a certain type of servants of the church

cannot prevail. There is one power, however, that can shut it, for as Amos Kenworthy used to say so quaintly, "Thee alone can stand in the way and block the door thyself."

To enter this door the same age-old qualifications are required as for all service, the same which David, the man after God's own heart, saw his son Solomon would need: "And thou Solomon my son know thou the God of thy father and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind." (1 Chr. 28:9). A personal experimental knowledge of God, a pure heart and a willingness to obey, all of which also imply an intense desire to hear God's voice and receive His instructions are all that is necessary to enter this "open door." Where may it be found?

In every small country meeting there is a heart-rending dearth of sweet-spirited, consecrated, sanctified workers. Notice please, we did not say experienced workers. God recently touched the heart of a young school teacher to come and take a place in our meeting, where she soon became such a quiet influence for good that marvellously lightened our every task. This she was able to do, not by her talents, for although she had some that proved a real blessing to us, yet she was of the type that most large meetings would not have used, but by her sweet spirit. The secret is that she came at God's call as a missionary, and it is always a success to follow His leading. When she had to leave us her loss was felt most keenly.

Then again in almost all of our little country meetings there are opportunities for steady industrious families to make modest healthy living. To the town dweller such an income as the country affords for humble folk would seem to be inadequate to meet the needs, but the expense of living, clothing and luxuries in the country are so very much smaller that a very much smaller income often means a more comfortable living than in town.

How can we find and enter such an open door? First examine your own heart and see if God has called you into His service just as surely and truly as He ever calls any missionary or preacher. How foolish and presumptuous it would be to enter such a field of service without a divine call. How the local pastor's burdens would be increased instead of diminished to have on his hands, demanding to be used, some people whom God has never sent! If that were the result of my concern how distressing it would be! Next search your own heart, and the heart and mind of your companion to make sure that there is a willingness to go wherever He wants you to go. Once again, you would not surely place

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We are printing the program as nearly as we have it to date, for Yearly Meeting. Young people should early realize the necessity of knowing the workings of the church from a business standpoint. The ability to carry on the business, in an intelligent and systematic manner may be acquired. We should attend Yearly Meeting to become more familiar with the doctrines of our church, to become acquainted with the various pastors and leaders, to meet each other and through all these means to promote unity. And most important of all, we should gather together to meet and worship God. We seek as a great unit, the blessing of God upon us as a church. Let us pray for a refreshing from Heaven, and a rich out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, that we may go out better fitted to help save dying souls.

We have a "Reminder" of Conference in this paper. We will soon be able to give you the entire program, and full information about it. Watch the June number, and meantime keep in mind Newport, August 2-8. Our superintendent has already arranged for a church, tents and cottages. The prospects are fine!!

It will be of interest to you to know that Arthur Chilson, missionary on furlough from Africa, is planning to be at Yearly Meeting. Our Yearly Meeting superintendent, L. Clarkson Hinshaw, is to have charge of the evening services, the Lord willing.

Arrangements were made by our secretary to give to you the excellent articles read at the Ministers' Conference recently held at South Salem. We are glad to give you two in this issue, and others will appear from time to time.

"Rejoice in the Lord always—and again I say rejoice."—St. Paul.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"—St. Paul.

A REMINDER.

By Olive Terrell, Portland, Ore.
You have doubtless heard already
Of the great event to be,
Under August's golden sunsets,
Near the tumbling, rolling sea.
Go! go! go!

Friends from Oregon will be there,
Round the camp-fire blazes sing,
In the good old Newport conference,
Ever coming on the wing.
Now's the time for getting ready;
Do it while it yet is spring.
Spread the news, the news, the news.

Come with bright and smiling faces,
Only smiles we hope to see;
Newport drives away the sorrows,
Find your place at Y. F. C.
Eating prices are reducing,
Room for all there's sure to be;
Each day brings us closer to it,
Nearer to that day to be;
Come and don't forget to boost it,
Everyone at Y. F. C.

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any local pastor in the predicament in which the sailors to Tarshish found themselves when Jonah was unwilling to go where God wanted him to go. Perhaps we are already afflicted by some Jonahs who are powerless to help out, no matter how well intentioned they may be, because they are out of Divine order. It may be that this heart searching will reveal some surprises, but do not stop until victory for all concerned has been secured. How many a family is living on starvation rations with "the cupboard short of bread" because either the wife or the husband is not willing to go where God has plainly showed the other partner He is leading; let's pray through! It may be the difficulty lies in impurity of heart somewhere. It is not sufficient to have known God's sanctifying power, we must be conscious daily that we are living victorious lives in Canaan land—"new heights I'm gaining every day." Is the blood cleansing now or have we unconsciously allowed our supply of oil to run low. Of course we cannot be willing without the help of the Holy Ghost and if we have grieved Him away our spiritual vision is sure to be that we see men as trees walking instead of seeing all things plainly (Read Mark 8:22-25). When we have got victory in our own hearts and are sure that He has called us, let us not go to Eli for counsel but like Samuel and Isaiah say earnestly "Speak my Lord (here am I, send me.)" Let us tarry until we get our commission. Unless you are very plainly led to do so, don't write our pastors asking them to find you some suitable opening. To begin

with the pastor hasn't time, secondly he doesn't know you as well as you know yourself, thirdly it isn't fair to load on him the responsibility for your business moves. It will cost something, but the better plan is simply to get on the train and go and see the field for yourself after God has plainly shown you where you are to go.

If you don't know anything about the local meetings it might be a good thing to make a quiet tour of several, asking God constantly for guidance as Samuel did when he anointed the son of Jesse. Thank God, we may know His will. We may really ascertain His plan for us; we may have the quiet assurance that the cloud and the fire have led us in a certain direction to a certain place, and that calm assurance will let us raise our hearts in thankfulness to Him for the privilege of having entered the open door which no man can shut.

Just a few cautions in closing: Don't presume that you are out of your place because you are unhappy; perhaps if you walked in the light where you are you might find peace. Don't presume you are called, God always punishes presumption. Don't presume your lamp is full, we may know for certain that the Holy Ghost abides. Don't guess at your destination; tarry until you have learned God's will. In all things, PRAY THROUGH!

The year's at the Spring
And the day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
Thee snail's on the thorn;
God's in His Heaven—
All's right with the world.

—Robert Browning.

"Well, there's some days when I gets downhearted, and I just looks up there, and sees them flowers blooming so cheerful, and I says, 'There! this world ain't all cold and poor and old, like I be; and the Lord, He ain't never tired of us, with our worrying about what He's a-doing with us; and Heaven's a-coming before long anyhow!'"

And the Widow Morely stopped to dry her eyes with the corner of her shawl.

—Sarah Orne Jewett.

"The church-bells, with various tones, but all in harmony, were calling out, and responding to one another: 'It is the Sabbath!—the Sabbath!—the Sabbath!' And over the whole city the bells scattered the blessed sounds, now slowly, now with livelier joy, now one bell alone, now all the bells together, crying earnestly, 'It is the Sabbath!' And flinging their accents afar off, to melt into the air, and pervade it with the holy word."—Nathaniel Hawthorne.