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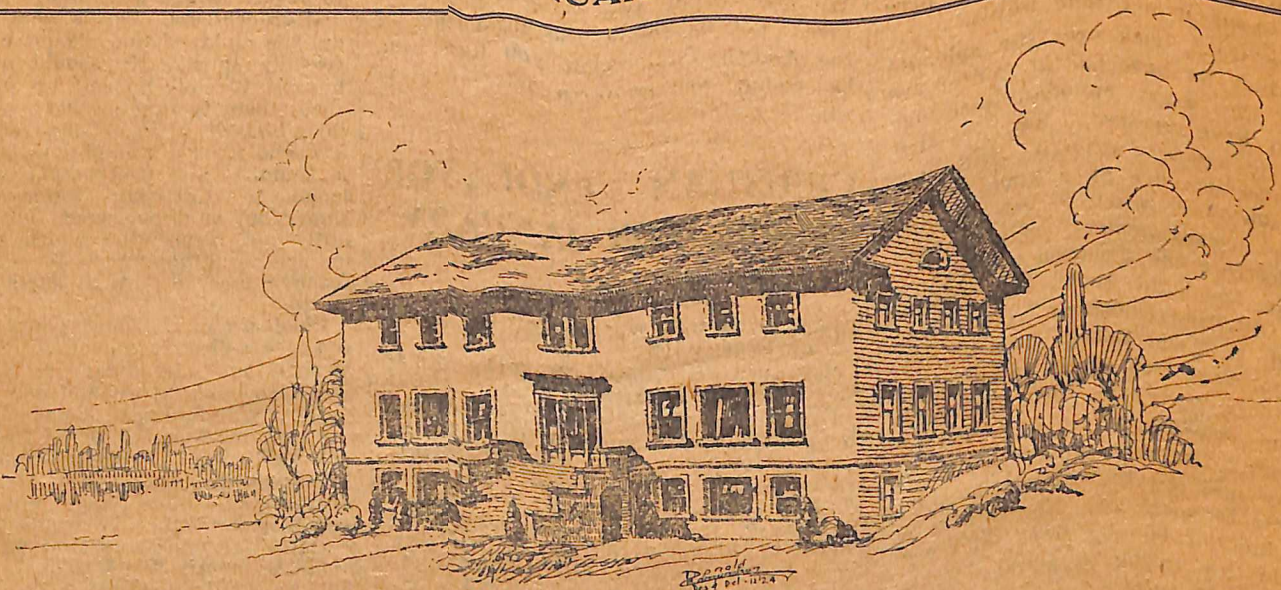
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# A FRIENDLY ENDEAVOR

JANUARY, 1925



## OUR CONFERENCE HOME.

We no longer need to look at our Conference home in a vision, for we now have a picture of it. The plans are being drawn so that we may know just what our future home will be like. The picture shown here is a perspective of the building which we hope and intend to build. It is no small structure, being 35 x 70 feet, and having two stories above the basement.

The building which we will no doubt construct first and use as a dining hall and kitchen until this structure can be erected will not be so large and will set on the back of our lots.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Donald Edmundson for his liberal services in drawing this splendid picture of our Conference home. We feel that he deserves much credit for the class of work that he has displayed.

## FOREWORD AND AN URGENT APPEAL.

Having felt deeply the need of some publication whereby we, as young people of Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends, might be brought closer together and become better acquainted, the executive committee in conjunction with Portland Quarter has endeavored to revive the "Friendly Endeavor" with this issue. We have incorporated in this revival a new feature hitherto neglected, that is, the printing of C. E. lessons and helps. In some cases we have substituted lessons concerning our own denominational work for those of the National C. E.

We deeply appreciate your support as pledged to us last August at Twin Rocks, but we need your personal support now.

If ever there was a time when quick action was needed, it is now. Quick action about what? Answer—Subscriptions to this paper, that's what.

We need this means of communication and we must rally to the emergency. The cost of printing and mailing the paper makes necessary a price of 75 cts. per year. But we promise to do our very best to make it all that it should be to meet the needs of the various societies.

We suggest that every C. E. have a "Friendly Endeavor committee," whose task will be the securing of subscriptions, and the sending of local news. This news should be in the hands of the editor by the 20th of each month. Send the subscriptions and money to Walter Lee, who has consented to become the "Circulating and Financial Editor." His address is 75 W. Sumner St., Portland, Oregon. The editor-in-chief is still in hiding "Somewhere in Oregon Yearly Meeting," but ere this paper comes out again we hope to have a permanent staff of officers to manage it.

We are mailing quite a few of this issue to individuals, but the bulk of it is being sent to the presidents of the various societies or other interested persons, with a real prayer that every copy is given to some one and that every Endeavorer of the Yearly Meeting will subscribe.

Yours experimentally,  
The Executive Committee.

## A CHALLENGE.

The Salem Quarter has issued a challenge to the other quarterly meetings of Oregon Yearly Meeting to sell the largest percentage of shares by February 22. Let's go, folks. Let's show them up.

## NEW YEARS GREETING.

The rusty, moss-covered, iron gates are fast closing upon a fading year. They are enfolding the joys and pleasures, pains and sorrows, opportunities and ambitions, victories and achievements, mistakes and failures. Gone, gone forever are the golden opportunities of 1924, gone the blessed times together.

But the brilliant golden gates of a new year are rapidly swinging open, unfolding new opportunities, new ambitions and new challenges. The past is gone forever, ours to make the best of the future. The new year challenges six hundred Christian Endeavorers of Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends. It offers new opportunities of working for Jesus, our King. Let us make the most of them. Let us take for our motto the words of Paul in Phil. 3:13, 14: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Hail to the New Year and a Happy New Year to all.

WALTER LEE, Pres.



## THE SUMMER CONFERENCE.

Shall we have one? This an apparently absurd, yet very pertinent question. We must answer this, and here actions speak louder than words.

As we think back over the splendid times which we have had at Conference and of the great spiritual blessings which we have received, I am sure that none of us want to drop it. But honestly, folks, we are at a very critical point. We don't want to get discouraged for discouragement spells defeat, but let us face the situation squarely.

As you no doubt know, the Oregon Friends Christian Endeavor Union owns a few lots at Twin Rocks, some by virtue of purchase and some by a donation with the restriction that we make some improvements within a period of three years. The three years' period is nearly up and we have made no improvements to speak of. For this reason and another equally important, we must build this spring or admit defeat, which would be fatal.

The other reason why we must build deals with the problem of securing cottages during the Conference. Had it not been for the fact that last year was a poor season for tourists we would have been unable to secure cottages and would consequently have had no place to stay. If the coming years are good years for tourists we will be forced to build or discontinue the Conference for lack of housing facilities.

Of course we cannot put up an elaborate building at once. Our first building will be used for a dining hall and kitchen until another can be erected, at which time the first will be used as a dormitory.

Most of you are familiar with our plan to raise the needed funds, but for those who are not, we will give a few words of explanation. We hope to raise sufficient funds by the sale of shares. These shares will cost ten dollars down and ten dollars per year for four years and will entitle the holder to a charter membership in the Conference and to sleeping accommodations during the Conference for twenty-five years after date of building. We will need to sell at least two hundred shares to raise enough money. At present about forty shares have been sold.

This is not a get-rich-quick investment. It is really giving our money to the Lord's work. It may take a little sacrifice upon our part, but is it not worth it? Who knows but from our midst may go forth preachers and missionaries to carry the blessed story of salvation to a lost and dying world? And really it is not such a sacrifice, for ten dollars per year is only eighty-three and one-third cents per month, or twenty-one cents a week which is less than

most of us spend for candy and ice cream.

We are at a crisis now and we must not fail. The iron is hot, let us strike. We need to do two things—pray and give. Let us follow the injunction of the Apostle Paul, "Quit you like men, be strong," and go forth determined to win.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS FOR JANUARY

January 4th, 1925.

Topic: "How Can We Develop the Spirit of Friendliness."

Scripture References: Proverbs 18:24; Eph. 4:32; Rom. 12:10, 20.

Exposition. If the topic suggested the thought of true friendship, it would be comparatively easy to find Scripture references which would be helpful: but the wording of the topic seems to suggest the idea of the art of being congenial. There is a great difference between deep, lasting, helpful, Christian friendship, on the one hand, and mere kindly, cheerful, congenial, friendliness on the other. Concerning the one the Scriptures have much to say; while concerning the other there is comparatively little said. However, TRUE friendliness belongs to experimental Christianity, and should be cultivated. The Bible gives no encouragement to the grumpy, grouchy, complaining, selfish, unfriendly person; and the world has little place for him. Our first reference suggests the thought that if we would have friends we must show ourselves friendly. Every normal human being enjoys having others show a friendly spirit; and the text teaches us, that in order to receive the friendliness of others, we must show a friendly spirit toward them. Our second reference suggests that God requires that we be kind and sympathetic toward others. Rom. 12:10 suggests the thought of consideration and preference we should show toward others. Rom. 12:20 suggests the attitude we should take toward those who, for any reason, have become unfriendly. These passages of Scripture do not refer to a mere spread-on friendliness, for the purpose of advantage; but they do indicate the importance of Christian thoughtfulness and kindness. There is no authority in the Scriptures, for any one to treat another in an unfriendly way.

Practical Application. Many people are born into this world with a spirit which is naturally thoughtful of others, considerate of their comforts, and kindly disposed toward them; while others are just as naturally gruff, selfish, and inconsiderate. Some persons are naturally full of smiles, jokes and handshakes; while others, just as naturally, never smile, and are so full of their own selfish considerations, that they scarcely see others, and care not to greet any. The Bible requires that we be friendly, thoughtful of others, considerate, sympathetic, self-sacrificing. This raises a question; how can one who has a natural tendency to thoughtlessness, selfishness, and unfriendliness, become thoughtful, unselfish, and friendly? Let us suggest a two-fold answer; first grace; and second, cultivation. Grace will not wholly change our natural dispositions and tendencies; but it will deliver from

that which is sinful, and that which manifests carnality, and it will put within the recipient the spirit of love, thoughtfulness, kindness and friendliness, and promote a desire to WIN souls to Jesus. Grace will remove selfishness, and grouchiness. Beside what grace will do, the child of God should cultivate a friendly spirit. He should not permit himself to shut himself up in his own shell, there to forget others. He should take himself in hand, and refuse to be unfriendly, and thoughtless. There is a timidity and reservation which belongs to Christian refinement, and should not be discouraged; but that timidity and reservation which makes us unhappy, and hinders us from fully performing the will of God, should be broken up.

Illustrations. Some years ago, a stranger called at the office of Stephen Merritt, an undertaker in New York City. He was "down and out," and his clothing was in rags. He told Mr. Merritt that he would soon be found dead, and said that he would appreciate a decent burial; and asked Mr. Merritt whether he would give him such a burial, and whether he would give him a written statement to that effect, that he might put it in his pocket, in order that it might be there when his body should be found. Mr. Merritt gave him the written statement, and the man started out the door. Then Mr. Merritt called him back, told him there was too much in him for him to take that course, and gave him some money to buy a suit of new clothes. Soon he returned, and had to tell Mr. Merritt who he was. Mr. Merritt then invited the stranger to go to a mission with him, where he became a Christian. The stranger had walked all the way from Chicago as a common tramp. When he was saved he wired to Chicago to his wife, whom he had deserted, asking her to come to him in New York; but she refused to believe that he was changed, and further evidence was necessary. This stranger was John G. Wooley, who later became a great temperance reformer, and once was nominated for President of the United States, on the Prohibition ticket. Thus the friendliness of Stephen Merritt accomplished a great work.

In the Gospel of John, 4th chapter, verses 5 to 40, we find an illustration of the friendliness of Jesus, and what it accomplished. A little friendliness, shown to a wayward woman, resulted in a great revival.

### Five Topics for Discussion.

- (1) Friendliness toward Wicked People.
- (2) Friendliness toward Teachers of Unsound Doctrine.
- (3) Friendliness of Christian Girls toward Strangers.
- (4) Old-time Hospitality.
- (5) Psychological Effect of Friendliness.

### Five Questions:

- (1) What Should be Our Attitude toward Strangers Who Come into Our Meetings?
- (2) What Should be Our Attitude Toward Non-Church Goers?
- (3) What Should be our Attitude Toward Old People and Christians?
- (4) What Should be Our Attitude Toward the Poor, the Sick, and Those Who are Bereaved?
- (5) Are People in General Becoming Less, or More Friendly Toward Each Other?

F. J. COPE.

January 11.

Topic: "How to Read the Bible Helpfully."

First. Read it devotionally. This is the primary intent in the use of the Bible. Strengthening of the spiritual life of the reader and the development of his own soul experiences will be promoted by this thoughtful, prayerful meditation upon the Word of God.

Second. The Bible should be read entirely, as any other book would be read; begin with Genesis, read consecutively through to the end of Revelation. The reader will find that there is a unity of thought and plan running throughout the Scriptures. Only by reading it in this way will this unity be discovered. In Genesis we see man fallen; in Revelation, man completely redeemed. We will find he means of this redemption in atonement by sacrifice, which is discovered early in the history of the religious life of the race, and which found its culmination in the death of Christ for us upon the Cross.

Third. Read each book of the Bible so that you can get the special viewpoint in each presentation of truth. Each book is a unit and deserves careful study and consideration in order to discover the phase and phases of the truth presented in the particular book under consideration.

Fourth. Study the Bible topically. Analyze its various portions, gathering out of the whole the texts which bear upon the special topic under consideration. To this purpose use a complete Concordance and a good Reference Bible; also a good Topical Bible will be found to be helpful. After gathering all the material you find on a given subject, then combine the whole. This is known as the Synthetical process by which the line of truth is developed in an orderly and logical progression. Such great topics as Justification, Regeneration, Sanctification, and many other topics may be studied in this way.

As a concluding suggestion let us advise that this reading and study be systematically and continuously followed. Haphazard reading gives no comprehensive view of Scripture and should not be allowed to take the place of a thorough line of study as suggested above. Suggestions to Leader: 1. Ask several to select, gather and bring in Scripture on one or two of the following topics: The Deity of Christ, The Atonement, Repentance, Faith, Justification, Regeneration, Sanctification.

2. Give from memory the books of the Bible.
  3. Group the books of the Bible to class (Historical, Poetical, Prophetic, etc.)
  4. Give the reason that you think that the order of the books of the Bible is Divinely inspired.
  5. Give central theme of entire Bible.
- Scripture References: "The Bible."
1. Food for the soul—Deut. 8:3; Ps. 119:103; Jer. 15:16; 1 Pet. 2:2.
  2. Divinely inspired—Jer. 36:2; Acts 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21; Rev. 14:13.
  3. Written in the heart—Deut. 6:6, 11:18; Rom. 10:8; Col. 3:16.
  4. Furnishes light—Ps. 119:105; Ps. 119:130; Prov. 6:23; 2 Pet. 1:19.
  5. Mighty in its influence—Jer. 5:14; Jer. 23:29; Rom. 1:16; Heb. 4:12.
  6. Purifies the life—Ps. 119:9; John 15:3; John 17:17; 1 Pet. 1:22.
  7. To be studied—Deut. 17:19; Isaiah 84:16; John 5:39; Acts 17:11.

8. Our seed to sow—Mark 4:14; Ps. 126:6; Eccles. 11:1.
9. Absolutely trustworthy—1 Kings 8:56; Mat. 5:18.
10. Dangerous to be ignorant of—Mat. 22:29; John 20:9; Acts 13:27. (Thompson's "Chain Reference Book")

EDWARD MOTT.

January 18, 1925.

Topic: Yearly Meetings, Church Extension.

Scriptural Reading: Jno. 4:35-39. "Look." Matt. 9:35-38. "Pray."

These Scriptures record the words of Jesus to His disciples. And while differing much as to locality and occasion, the import of these exhortations embodies and reveals the same great concern and purpose in the mind and heart of Jesus.

Our first Scripture reading, Jno. 4:35-39, is in connection with the journey of Jesus through Samaria and His conversation with the Woman at Jacob's Well. Whose testimony, in regard to the Messiah interested the people of the town and many came out to see and hear Him for themselves.

It was as He looked upon this company of people and their needs representing, as they did, the people and needs of Samaria. It was at this time and under these circumstances that Jesus said to His disciples "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields, white already for harvest."

Int he second Scripture reading (Matt. 9:35-38.) Jesus is teaching and healing in Galilee, and as He went about their cities and villages He saw with pity and compassion, the dire need and distress, the darkness and helplessness of the multitude scattered as sheep without a shepherd, and it was then under these conditions that He saith unto His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Upon each of these occasions we find Jesus concerned with the present and immediate needs of those about Him.

The whole world was indeed in His purpose and provision of love. But as yet He had not commissioned His followers to go to "ALL the nations" or "into ALL the world."

We find these exhortations of Jesus most earnestly and solemnly calling the disciples to the need at hand—the home, field, if you please.

Surely we would agree that this admonition would not be amiss today when we consider the unevangelized, the unchurched, the unconcerned, the unsaved at our very doors.

Should we direct our interest and efforts to the foreign field and "pass by" the more immediate needs in our own land, would not that other word of Jesus apply to us, "This ought ye to have done and NOT to leave the other undone."

Let us take a general view of the conditions in the home-land. For convenience we could divide into groups the peoples without adequate religious instruction, placing them in five general classes, viz.:

1. Negroes, numbering....10,000,000
2. Foreigners numbering...17,000,000
3. Indians numbering..... 336,000
4. Mountaineers ..... in cities, 1910
5. City slums .....34,000,000

There are more than 58,000,000 unchurched Protestants in America.

In our own particular field, Oregon Yearly Meeting comprises portions of the three great states of the Pacific Northwest, 650 by 400 miles in extent perhaps. There is much uncultivated soil here, different from older sections of the country in this particular.

Isolated and backward peoples. Many localities without church privileges, all within our territory.

The non-churched in Oregon estimated to be 626,175.

The non-churched in Idaho 302,488.

Non-churched in Washington 1,177,364. Total number of unchurched within these three state, a territory open to us, 2,106,027.

As to our resources, there are 23 particular Meetings with a total membership of 3405; a Christian Endeavor of 602.

### Questions.

1. Does Oregon Yearly Meeting have any Church Extension Work?
2. If so, what is its nature?
3. The Field.

Where?  
Its needs?  
Its opportunities?

### Topics for Discussion—

1. To what extent do we consider that Oregon Yearly Meeting has caught the vision?
2. Is it fully awake to its Opportunities, Responsibilities and Privileges?
3. What is the immediate call or demand, or in other words, what immediate action should be taken?

### Suggestions for Leaders—

Secure a good sized map of the three Northwest States in which our Meetings are located.

Mark the location of each Meeting by a star, or some other means, that the society may get a view of our field. Also the new work opened at Kelso, Washington, and Klamath Falls, Oregon.

For names and locations of Meetings, refer to Oregon Yearly Meeting Minutes of 1924.

IDA J. LEE.

January 25, 1925.

The Place of the C. E. in Our Denominational Program. Acts 2:42-47.

### Plans for the meeting:

1. Assign to some one the task of finding out what the program of the Yearly Meeting is. (Can be found by studying the minutes of 1924, reading the reports of the various Departments, especially the Evangelistic and Church Extension.)
2. Assign to some one the task of naming the heads of the various departments.
3. Some of the following questions may be asked, others as you think of them might be added.  
(a) Why does our form of Church Government make it so essential that every member be active in assuming responsibility?  
(b) What part should the Program of the Church have in our lives?  
(c) Do you think that the program as reported is of a challenging character?  
(d) What would you change?  
(e) What part of the Program do you consider of most importance?



(f) What one great thing must be in evidence if the Program succeeds?

### Thoughts for the Leader—

This lesson can be made of real value to the members if a little time and study is put on it. The assignments should be made early, at least a week ahead, then call up each one and prompt their memory, urging them to come prepared. Be sure and find out if they have a copy of the minutes; if they have not, give them one, marking where they can find their part.

It goes without saying that the leader himself must be familiar with the Program in order to assure success in the meeting.

The songs for this service should be in keeping with the topic. "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God," "Jerusalem the Golden," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and others of a similar character.

Direct the prayer service along the line of the needs of the church, calling attention to the various interests, such as the Klamath Indian work, the Children in Africa, the Clarks, the Orphanage, Lois Cope, and other items in the other Departments.

### Filling Our Place.

That there is a place in Oregon Yearly Meetings Program for the C. E., goes without saying. The very fact that the Yearly Meeting makes a substantial apportionment to that work each year indicates that she recognizes the value of her young people.

It is our task to find out that place and fill it to the full. I am going to suggest three very vital things that we as endeavorers can do and if taken seriously will result in lasting good to ourselves and to the work.

**TO PRAY:** No program is complete without this vital exercise. The early church was fairly steeped in prayer and it was while they were praying that the Holy Ghost was given. The first inclination as to our prayers for the Program will be to pray for our Missionary work, then the Evangelistic and Church extension work and then perhaps for the leaders in the church. But we need to remember that every Department represents a part of our work and that they need our prayers just as much as the more prominent tasks. So pray and pray earnestly that this may be a great year in our work.

**TO GIVE:** Here comes the pinch, for the acid test of a man's religion is his pocket book. We are a small Yearly Meeting and in comparison with our numbers our financial obligation is large, there is the tendency, if we are not careful, to feel that it is too much for us to undertake. But the blessing that comes in return for the offering made far overtops any sacrifice that we may have to make to support our work, so give and give gladly.

**TO GO:** Ever the call to service has sounded forth and in every generation the young people have heard and responded. It is encouraging to know that we are not lax in this phase of service and that at the present time we have a goodly number of our young people in training either in Pacific College or at N. P. E. I., getting ready for active service. If He call you, count it a precious honor to be so used in His service.

C. A. HADLEY.

Be a booster; buy a Conference share.

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

Will all those who have taken Conference shares please make their first payment IMMEDIATELY as we need the money very badly in clearing the Conference property for building. It will be a great help if the share-holders can make more than their first payment, and better still if they can pay the full amount of fifty dollars soon. Send all money for shares to Worth Coulson, Scotts Mills, Oregon.

### FIRST FRIENDS.

The Mary Martha class of girls has been holding meetings at the Louise Home every two weeks. At the last service nine girls knelt at the altar for prayer; some responded even before the altar call was given. Nineteen meetings have been held, during which some sixty-five girls have been converted and reclaimed. We are rejoicing in the privilege of the trust which the Lord has given us.

The Volunteer band from N. P. E. I. led the Christian Endeavor service on Sunday evening, November 23d. The subject was, "Stewardship of Our Time." Various ones spoke on their call and how the Lord had led them. It was a blessing to all present.

On the same evening the Gospel team from the Y. M. of Pacific College had charge of the church services. Walter Cook was in charge, Charles Beals and Glenn Rinard bringing the message. All three are planning to enter the ministry. A boys' quartet sang three special songs, which were a great blessing.

We are glad to see our school folks home again, Hilma Hendrickson, Olive Terrell, Wendell Hutchens and Seth Oliver Terrell, from Pacific College, and Thelma Eiler, from Mt. Hood, where she has been teaching.

It may be of interest to the readers of the Friendly Endeavor to know that the Conference is responsible for many things—For instance, Diamond rings—Now Guess! M. H.

### SECOND FRIENDS C. E.

Our society is growing. Among the latest applications for membership is the name of Miss Madge Ballou, who a few weeks ago came to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Ballou. We welcome her.

Much unfavorable weather has tested the loyalty of our Christian Endeavorers, and it is with much pleasure that we find them proving true. Attendance is keeping up splendidly.

What's become of all the Fords who have been parking in front of the church?

**WANTED—**A new Church for Second Friends.

**WHAT WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE—**A new Church for Second Friends.

**WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE—**A new church for Second Friends.

**NOW, ALL TOGETHER — A NEW CHURCH FOR SECOND FRIENDS.**

We were agreeably surprised recently to have our Yearly Meeting Superintendent walk into our Sunday evening church service. God blessed him in a splendid message. Welcome, Brother Hinshaw, we hope you favor us with another visit soon.

J. E. S.

Be a booster; buy a Conference share.

### PIEDMONT.

As the Holiday season approaches, and we review our countless blessings; one of our greatest, this year is our New Endeavor Society at Piedmont.

When first contemplating starting a society here, we hesitated because of our small number of young people. But we felt it was the will of the Lord to do so, thus we ventured. We are only three months old, but the Lord has blessed and strengthened us already. We now have sixteen active members and six student members.

Sunday, December 7th, Brother Lee, our pastor, asked us to take charge of the night service. We were glad for the privilege, and conducted it as a testimony as to what the Lord had done for us. One of our Endeavorers gave a short message, also we had special singing. We thank the Lord for His presence and blessing that night.

platform service, each one giving a

Then, last Sunday night, December 21st, as all Endeavorers know, our topic was "Music and Poetry," so we felt it was appropriate to have a Christmas program. Songs by our male quartet, Christmas readings and short talks as to "What Christmas means to the Christian and the World," were rendered, after which Mrs. Lee, our pastor, gave a beautiful Christmas message. There were two seekers at the altar and we felt that the One for whom we commemorate Christmas was there and that to bless.

We praise His name for the lessons He is teaching us, which we believe will benefit us in later life, and we say with Joshua, only in somewhat different words, "As for us and our church we will have an Endeavor."

C. E. M.

### NEWBERG.

Newberg C. E. feels keenly the death of Harold Rinard, a Junior of Pacific College. He was an active member in the society, and was faithful as the chairman of the prayer meeting committee.

Newberg Junior C. E. is doing fine this year, having more than doubled the attendance since fall. The Juniors have charge of the singing in the evening service once a month.

The Intermediates are also thriving in their work. We feel that the pastor has helped and encouraged us a great deal this year to push forward in the work of the kingdom.

The different Endeavor societies united with the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. in evangelistic efforts at the college during the second and third weeks of December. Many souls were encouraged and helped during those meetings under the leadership of Rev. Holding.

O. T.

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