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# The Friendly Endeavor

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

In this issue of "The Friendly Endeavor" is the first of a series of articles on the life and work of early young Friends. After some persuasion, Edward Mott, president of the North Pacific Evangelistic Institute, has consented to write these articles for the paper. We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing the services of Edward Mott, as few men are so capable and so well equipped to handle such a subject. We hope that these articles will prove an inspiration and a source of information which is vitally important to all young Friends.

Editor.

## YOUNG FRIENDS OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

Edward Mott.

The early history of our church is replete with interest in its rich biographies giving us, as they do, intimate close-up pictures of men and women who lived out their intense religious convictions, and in many cases, sacrificed their lives because they would not be untrue to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, nor deny His Gospel which had been burned upon their hearts by the white heat of conviction through the Holy Spirit. Among these worthies there were many young Friends, who stand out as pronounced proponents of the highest types of religious thought and experience. Theirs was no mere enthusiasm for a scheme of human betterment nor a determination to advance the interests of society by means of some form of human propaganda. They had a burning passion to do the will of God as they were led by the Spirit, and in the persuasion of their call and mission they traveled extensively, preaching everywhere the Gospel of Christ as the sole means of man's salvation.

As people often think of the early disciples of Christ as old men, so of early Friends the same idea obtains, that they were sombre old people, lost to the world by reason of their mystical communings and the far-away-ness of their spiritual perceptions. One object of the writer in these series of articles is to help us to visualize some of these young Friends as real flesh and blood young people, who lived and labored in a real functioning of their powers in the service of their Lord.

The first one we will consider is William Caton, who in his sixteenth year was brought under the influence of the life and ministry of George Fox at Swarthmore Hall. The seed sown by this servant of God fell into fertile soil.

The following from the "Annals of Early Friends" is worth careful reading:

"In order to be alone whilst engaged in prayer he would, of a morning, linger in the bedroom until his companion had gone downstairs. He was much exposed to temptation during a few months spent by George Fell and himself at a country school, but, he writes 'The Lord was wonderfully gracious to me, and many times, when I have deserved nothing but stripes from Him, hath He broken and overcome my heart with His Divine love.' At times his soul ardently longed for communion with God, and he found that he could not appease its cravings by taking notes of sermons or writing paraphrases of them, though

such efforts were commended by the family at the Hall."

"Much did he marvel at the unfashionable dress and simple manners of their guest from Fenny Drayton. 'Yet something in me,' he writes, 'did love him and own his testimony. And I began to find the truth of what he spoke in myself; for his doctrine tended very much to the bringing of us to the light, which Jesus Christ had enlightened us withal, which shined in our hearts and convinced us of sin and evil; and into love with that and obedience to that he sought to bring us, that thereby, through the Son, we might be brought into unity and covenant with the Lord.'"

"Meanwhile the good work which his Saviour had begun in his soul was carried on more rapidly perhaps than he was himself aware of. 'When I was about seventeen years of age,' he writes, 'the power of the Lord God did work mightily and effectually in me to the cleansing, purging, and sanctifying of me. . . . And then I began to be broken, melted and overcome with the love of God which sprang in my heart, and the Divine and precious promises that were confirmed to my soul. Oh! the preciousness and excellency of that day! Oh! the glory and the blessedness of that day! How or wherewith shall I demonstrate it, that they that are yet unborn might understand it, and give glory unto the Lord Jehovah?'"

"George Fox says, 'He was one like unto Timothy, who was an example in innocence, simplicity, and purity in his life and conversation, after he was converted; for that did preach, as well as his doctrine, in the churches of Christ.' William Caton himself thus describes his call to the ministry: 'Seeing the darkness and ignorance so great in which people were involved, my spirit was stirred within me, and my earthen vessel came to be filled with love to their souls, and with zeal for God and His Truth. And about that time I began to know the motion of His power and the command of His Spirit; by which I came to be moved to go to the places of public worship.'"

"Although, at that period, it was not a rare event for laymen to address a congregation at the conclusion of the usual service, it can be no matter of surprise that a youth of seventeen should shrink from thus publicly testifying against the sins of preachers as well as hearers. But he had given his heart to his Redeemer, and henceforth there was but one way for him to walk in—narrow it might be, and yet an indescribably blessed one. 'Wherefore when I saw it must be so,' he says, 'I put on courage in the name of the Lord; and having faith in Him which stood in His power, I gave up to His will.'"

"Then he realized the fulfilment of Christ's promise that He would be with him; perplexing doubts and the fear of man were alike taken from him, and ability was given him—stripling though he was—to speak as 'one having authority.' Some were willing to hear him; others, 'as brute beasts,' fell upon him; but the Lord preserved him from evil, and filled his heart with peace."

"Beside these Sabbath services he often preached in market places, seldom knowing what he should say until he reached the spot, yet never lacking words wherewith to clothe his Master's message. 'His work,' he writes, 'did often powerfully pass through me, and never did I go about any service for the Lord in which I was faithful but I always had my reward with me.'"

"Blows and beatings, stocks and stonings, he gave little heed to, for he found in the enjoyment of God's love that which made more than full amends for all; and whenever he was most deeply tried, the tenderness of the Lord's love was most clearly experienced. He alludes also to the great help afforded him from the consciousness of the warm attachment of his fellow-believers."

"Redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, to Him William Caton freely dedicated his life, and the Lord, who loveth a cheerful giver, suffered not his faith to fail—to whatever extent it might be tried. 'I have often observed,' he says, 'that by how much more I felt the weight of the service by how much more I went into it, and my reward accordingly. Blessed and magnified be the name of the Lord for ever!'"

The following account of his proposal of marriage and the reply of the lady is very interesting and is commended to Christian young people as a model:

"On his return to Holland, some months later, he made proposals of marriage to Anneken Dirrix. Warm and enthusiastic as his disposition was, he took extreme care to act rightly in this matter; He wished her first to consider whether she 'felt something in it as from the Lord,' and asked for no reply until she had deliberately weighed three things: First, the difference in their outward circumstances, and how little he had to offer her; secondly, the liberty—more to him than the treasures of Egypt—which he should still need to travel in the service of the Lord; thirdly, the possibility

that their union might be disapproved of by magistrates, by her relatives or others, and might thus bring trouble upon her. Her reply was to the following effect: As to the first, it was not means that she looked to, but virtue. As to the second, when the Lord needed him for any service she should not be the woman that would hinder. As to the last, if they 'were perfectly clear of the thing before the Lord, she hoped to bear what people without should say, for that would be one of the least crosses! Still they did not think it right for a time to bind themselves by promise. William Caton thus describes his own feelings during an interview which they had after several months had elapsed: 'Waiting awhile exceeding steadfastly in the light of the Lord, the life began to arise, and the Word of the Lord testified unto me thus, saying, 'She is the gift of the Lord to thee.' Then was my heart also broken, and in the fulness of love and unity in the everlasting covenant did I receive her as the Lord's gift unto me."

This young man after eleven years' of faithful service died at the age of twenty-nine, his death being the result of imprisonments and sufferings incident thereto. His life and service are a tremendous challenge to the young Friends of this day to follow his example in real Christian experience and genuine consecration.

## CONTAGIOUS EPIDEMIC PROBABLE

Germs of a most contagious quality have been loosed in the air. There is little chance of escape for any one who comes in contact with them. The period of incubation is short in most cases, sometimes taking only a few minutes. In other cases it takes a few days and in some a few weeks. There is no way to become immune to these germs after one comes in contact with them. They will be found in great numbers around C. E. societies, schools, etc., in fact every place where there are young Friends.

These same germs have been in Oregon Yearly Meeting every year for the last seven years, this making the eighth. The common name of the germ, and the name by which it is generally known is, "Conference Spirit." They appear earlier every year and are more deadly in their attack at each succeeding appearance. Only one remedy has been found which is of any avail in relieving the case. The prescription for 1925 is as follows:

From now until August 4, boost Conference to everyone you meet. Boost with all your might. Then take one week's vacation at Twin Rocks, August 4-10. Along with classes, discussions, inspirational addresses, and sermons, which will bless you, insure you, and prepare you to better meet the problems and realities of life, take as many plunges into the briny deep as you can stand, hike to the mountains and pick huckleberries, swim as much as you like, fish in the lake, and don't forget the deep-sea fishing, which everyone enjoys(?) Spend a great deal of time getting acquainted with young people from different places, get their views of life, learn new methods of attacking problems, and fellowship together.

Signed, Dr. Conference.

We hope everyone will be bitten by this germ!

Really now, doesn't it give you a "grand and glorious feelin'" to even think of Conference again? Aren't you glad you have a Conference that you belong to and love? To those who have been to Conference just stop and ponder a little on what Conference has meant to your life, and then in proportion to your love and vision of it boost it to those who have not yet tasted its joys.



Hurrah! We're over the top! No longer can Melba hold that honor to herself. And say, we even have a few more than our quota. Come on over and join our happy crowd, you know—the more the merrier—subscriptions.

Frind, Darlint: Can yez attend a tap drinkin' and general divarsion on March 21st, in the avenin', to meet Pat? Shure 'tis welkim ye'll be, and that right heartily. Come av yez kindly plazze, and hopin' to see ye prisint, I remain,  
Your affectionate,

MINNIE.

The seventeenth of March was delayed four days here. Did it arrive on time at you place? Well anyway, the date named was effectively celebrated at the home of our "Irish Minnie", Saturday evening. Pat was very much in evidence with his tall hat, on which Hycie King successfully pinned a shamrock while blind-folded. Balancing potatoes on coffee spoons while carrying them from one room to another caused much grief and merriment. After drinkin' the "tay" (for which one young gentleman requested the "program") the "jolly, green crowd" went home with the unanimous agreement that Pat, aided by his "affectionate Minnie," had given them a most enjoyable "avenin'."

On Sunday evening, March 5, the Intermediates and Seniors met together for a union meeting. Our Intermediate led, and the meeting was in the form of a World Convention Rally. We sang several "boosts" songs accompanied by the Intermediate orchestra. It certainly was an enjoyable meeting, for everybody got "pepped up."

On March 17, the Intermediates met for their monthly business meeting, at the home of Elizabeth Hadley. After the important (?) business had been disposed of a very interesting "Intermediate Quaker" (that is the name of our paper which we read every two months) was read amid shouts of laughter and gayety. Then we played a few interesting games and told enough jokes to last until next time. After having done justice to delicious refreshments we retired.

#### PIEDMONT.

Hurrah! Hurrah!! Hurrah!!!  
Piedmont! Piedmont! Piedmont!  
Over the top we go!  
For what?  
F-r-i-e-n-d-l-y E-n-d-e-a-v-o-r.  
Rah! Rah! Rah!

The fellowship akin to that which we have with God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, is fellowship with Christian people. And since we cannot meet every Endeavorer face to face, we are glad for this privilege of communication with each society. We rejoice at hearing the notes of victory, of growth in grace and the presence of the Lord among you; and also we offer thanks to Jesus our King and leader for His gracious and conscious presence in each of our meetings.

We are indeed glad to see the signs of spring, but as summer approaches we hear the wedding bells faintly in the distance. They have just discontinued ringing for the wedding of Bertha Ryser and some time in the near future, we will tell you for whom they are ringing now. Some people say, what disaster? But the only disastrous thing we can see is that we lose some of our best members thereby.

Now to every Endeavorer we say, "May the Lord bless and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." Num. 6:24-26.

#### SPRINGBROOK.

Two of our members, Fern Madock and Harry Burke, were married at the close of the morning service on March 15th. The bride and groom expect to leave in two weeks for Texas, where they will make their home. A shower was given for the newly weds at the home of Blanche Carlisle on March 9. Many useful and lovely gifts were showered upon the young couple.

Rev. E. E. Scotten is holding a revival in the Chehalem Center Church. Sanford and Merlin Brown have been sick with mumps, but are rapidly recovering.

Miss Lena Gulley has been quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism. We are glad that she is now able to be about with the aid of crutches.

Five of the young people have charge of the evening service on March 15, in the absence of our pastor.

#### CALDWELL, IDAHO.

Sunday afternoon, March 1, a Quarterly Meeting C. E. Conference was held here.

Recently our Intermediate Society has been studying about China, and many interesting features have been added to the regular lesson study. Sunday evening, March 1, Mrs. Earl Deane talked to the Juniors and Intermediates about her work in Africa. Sunday evening, March 8, Mrs. Benedict talked to the Intermediates about work in China.

The Intermediates have been having Scripture finding contests also. They are an enthusiastic group.

#### SCOTTS MILLS.

Scotts Mills Endeavor can report from higher ground this month because of the revival services held at this place with Paul B. Lindley as evangelist. The meetings were a great blessing to the church and community and we are praying that the revival spirit may continue throughout the year and that new ground may constantly be won in each of our lives.

The Endeavorers are all faithful in attendance at the mid-week prayer meeting.

The Endeavor meetings have all been very interesting and at the recent business meeting the "Pause Committee" reported that they had had no opportunity to function.

The monthly business meeting was held at the parsonage March 13th. In spite of its being Friday, the 13th, everything went off smoothly. The business session was interesting and well conducted. The missionary committee was in charge of the evening's entertainment and tested our knowledge of the geography and customs of different countries. The fruit basket game was played, using the names of countries instead of fruit. This game proved to be quite a "melting pot." Then shadows of natives (?) of different mission fields were thrown on the screen, the country and a missionary work there to be named by the Endeavorers.

We feel that our quota is a little too high for the number of families belong-

ing to the C. E., but we have thought of the adage, "Aim at the stars," etc., so we are working toward the twenty subscriptions. We appreciate the "Friendly Endeavor" and are striving to get a copy in each home.

#### ROSEDALE.

Our pastor, Clyde Thomas, is giving a series of lessons on prophecy during the Sunday evening services. He is now discussing the book of Daniel. These lessons are proving to be very interesting and helpful.

There has been a great deal of "grippe" in our neighborhood, so our Sunday services have been smaller than usual.

We hope to be "over the top" with our subscriptions by next month.

#### RAINIER HEIGHTS.

Our Christian Endeavor Society reorganized at the beginning of the year, and more interest is being shown in the work.

We are making a special effort to make our meetings interesting and attractive, and appreciate the helps given in the "Friendly Endeavor." We are also emphasizing loyalty to church attendance, and are glad to note that more of our Endeavorers are remaining for the evening services.

The dedication of our new parsonage was held February 27. A program of music, and an address by L. Clarkson Hinshaw was given at Oltman's Hall, after which the guests were invited to the parsonage to enjoy a program of vocal and instrumental music and inspect the new building. After the dedicatory prayer by Clarkson Hinshaw, refreshments were served in the Primary S. S. room. Beside our own people, guests were present from Tacoma, Everett, Entiat, and Quilcene.

#### ENTIAT.

L. Clarkson Hinshaw opened a series of meetings here on Sunday, March 15. So far they have been well attended and we are expecting the Lord to give us a real revival. Our Endeavor is anticipating much help from the messages.

The Sunday evening service of March 1 was conducted by the Endeavor, as our pastor, William Murphy, was in Seattle, attending our Quarterly Meeting. We had some special singing and good talks were given by Mrs. Morrill, Mr. Lundquist, and Mr. Ball, emphasizing the fact that Jesus is a true friend to each one of us, and we are His friends if we do whatsoever He commands us.

#### TACOMA.

The last business meeting of the C. E., which is held the second Saturday evening of each month, proved to be an enjoyable occasion. Instead of having a social in connection with each business meeting it has been decided to have a program at every other meeting, each committee to take its turn in presenting something. At this meeting the missionary committee took charge and presented a playlet called "Thanksgiving Ann." Following this the social committee lined every one up and had them march past the table from which lemonade and cookies were served.

At the January meeting an interesting and well prepared debate was given on

"Street Cars vs. Busses." The April meeting is to be held at the home of Edward Harmon, where a "Hobby" social is to be given. Each one is to come with some kind of a representation of his particular hobby, which the rest are to guess, and the one guessing the most hobbies is to receive a prize.

#### HIGHLAND.

Yes, the Highland C. E. held a rally. We had a fine meeting with Mr. Mott as speaker. He stirred our hearts by a leaf from his study of early Friends, telling us of young Friends who had borne hardship, privation, and danger for the cause of Jesus Christ. "The Friendly Endeavor" was boosted by our Quarterly Superintendent, Vira Lull, and by our pastor, Mr. Sims. We were disappointed concerning the number of shares sold, but felt as though the committees had worked and that their efforts may bear fruit in the future. Perhaps the enthusiasm of the Sunnyside rally, (which we have heard whispered) will spur some of the solicited ones to take a share.

Several of our young people went with Mr. Hughes, the American Sunday-school missionary, to out of the way points in Polk and Yamhill counties last Sunday. They found needy people who were glad to hear their songs and spiritual testimonies. We understand that Vira Lull missed the jitney, and that Guy Turner did not go to work until 1:00 p. m. the next day, but that is all right. One needs five hours' sleep after riding over those roads.

We sympathize with our pastor in his affliction and pray for his speedy recovery.

Donald Edmundson was home from N. P. E. I. and favored us with a selection in the morning church service.

Walter Lee was back to his old college to the basket ball tournament.

Our revival services commence the twenty-fifth of this month with Reverend Paul Lindley as evangelist. Please pray that God will richly bless and help us.

#### MELBA.

Our society has been holding a pre-prayer service before the regular Sunday evening meetings lately. Those of the Endeavorers who can get there soon enough, meet together in one part of the room and hold a short prayer service with the president or leader in charge of the meeting. We find that the influence of these prayer services is having a splendid effect on our meetings. The Lord has blessed us richly and His presence has been more real in our meetings, all as a result, we believe, of taking a few moments of time at the very first to wait upon Him and invoke His presence and blessings on our efforts. Try it out in your society and see if it won't increase the spiritual tone of the service and help your members to know more fully what it is to trust in God for the results of the regular meetings.

In co-operation with the other societies of our Quarterly Meeting, we are planning to exchange visits with one another in the near future. The plan is, for each society as a whole so far as possible, to visit in turn all the other societies of the Quarterly Meeting accompanied by their pastor. Let's go!

#### CHEHALEM CENTER.

The February business meeting and social of the Chehalem Center Endeavor was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Moore. The members were out almost in full force and there were a few visitors, making a total of eighteen, in addition to the year-old son of the host and hostess, who was the central figure until the time came for him to retire.

The business meeting was occupied with committee reports, the presentation of the name of Carleton Ingraham as an associate member, and the appointment of the nominating committee. It was decided to have the officers to be elected in March of this year, and every year thereafter hold office for one year instead of six months as has been the custom. Another plea was made for support of "The Friendly Endeavor" by subscriptions and by boosting. Rev. Whitlock a few weeks ago encouraged the older people of the church to subscribe for the paper for their own good as well as for the good of the young Friends.

The social following the business meeting was the usual good time in spite of the fact that darkness descended for a time and festivities had to cease until gasoline could be secured to replenish the lamp. From the beginning of the play time of the evening to the refreshments, every Chehalem Centerite enjoyed himself hugely.

Revival meeting began Sunday, March 15, conducted by Rev. E. E. Scotten, of Springbrook, and Rev. Whitlock. The Endeavorers are making the most of the "Winning Others" topics in the prayer meetings. These came at a very opportune time and the members are earnestly trying to put them into practice as well as studying the lessons.

Sunday, March 22nd, the Endeavor prayer meeting will be honored with a visit from the Springbrook society, which will have charge of the meeting. This interchange of ideas and of leaders is especially helpful in the small societies and it is hoped that more of it may be done.

Edna Ralston, president of the C. C. Endeavor Society, is taking a great interest in the county C. E. work and has been attending the monthly Cabinet meetings. Through her the society is kept in touch with the work of young people in the other denominations. Several attended the County C. E. Rally at the Christian Church in Newberg a few weeks ago and they all felt that the fellowship with young Christians outside the Friends Church was beneficial.

#### STAR.

Lois Jones is attending the Nampa Nazarene College this semester. We appreciate having her with us over the week-ends.

We are glad to report a spiritual deepening among our membership since our revival meetings in January. Our pastor, Carey Jessup, served very acceptably as evangelist. His messages were powerful and searching, yet tender. Thirty-five were blessed at an altar of prayer. We praise the Lord for sending the Jessups to us.

Some of our Christian Endeavorers are expecting to attend the International C. E. Convention at Portland next summer, and others are hoping to be at the Young Friends' Conference in August.

Because of a recent trade, we are in possession of the house and lot just west of the church, for our parsonage. A better house is hoped for in the near future.

Once a month at our C. E. prayer meetings, our pastor is giving short talks on the Pledge. They are proving very helpful.

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#### OUR NEW FEATURE.

Starting in this issue is the first installment of a directory of the business and professional men of Oregon Yearly Meeting. Perhaps some have thought that the Quakers had no business men, but just read the business cards in this issue and change your opinion. It is our purpose to continue this directory in later issues of the paper. These business and professional men have graciously given their support to "The Friendly Endeavor" and we truly appreciate it. Let us in turn give them our patronage whenever we can. These men will give the best service and best prices, so let our motto be: "Patronize 'The Friendly Endeavor' Advertisers."

We hope the business and professional men of other meetings will take notice and co-operate as enthusiastically with us in carrying out this program as have the business men of Portland. Get your business cards ready, men, and look for a letter from us. We want to list every business and professional man in the Yearly Meeting in our directory. Let's all get acquainted.

Editor.

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miss Waldo from our C. E. services.

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tuted in our Sunday-school, under the  
efficient leadership of Mrs. Ralphs. She  
has as helpers, Lois Jones and Carol Hes-  
ton. An organ has been placed in one of  
the larger S. S. rooms and the primary  
classes are enjoying their opening exer-  
cises together. They are learning Bible  
verses.

Another interesting feature of our S.  
S. is the Junior Choir, directed by our  
chorister, S. P. Lindberg, and one of the  
teachers, Mrs. Hood.

**The Nativity.**

Down Kedron's vale the wind blows chill;  
The sun in the Great Sea has set;  
Its glow has gone from Zion's hill,  
From Ramah, and from Olivet;  
And on the Temple's marble walls  
And the Roman eagle by the gate,  
Sombre and shadowy, twilight falls,  
And the wide courts grow desolate;  
And eastward, black and still and deep,  
Looms the Salt Sea in sullen sleep,  
And Moab's barren mountains lie  
Gloomy and dim against the sky.

Midway, up Bethlehem's terraced height  
Come toiling travelers, hastening  
To reach their shelter ere the night  
Its darker shade and fear shall bring—  
From proud, palm-girdled Jericho,  
Whose tropic gardens still are green;  
From Hebron, fair its vines below,  
And many a hill and glen between;  
From Jordan's plains; from slopes that  
north  
Great mighty Hermon towering cold;  
For caesar's mandate has gone forth  
That every house must be enrolled.

Now darkness falls, and Bethlehem's inn  
Is crowded as a fold with flocks;  
Arches and court the travelers win,  
Group after group, with eager din;  
And, last of all, a pilgrim knocks—  
A grave man, gently shielding there  
His wan young wife from the chill air—  
And begs admittance, hough so late:  
"O keeper! strangers here are we  
From Nazareth of Galilee,  
And worn and weary with our quest;  
Unbar the gate, and let us rest!"  
"Nay!" rough the host's brief answer  
falls,  
"No room is left, save in the stalls  
Where stand the beasts. Now get you  
thither,  
Since late and lone you journey hither!  
No other place the walls afford."  
And thus, that eve, a stable-cave  
Was the rude shelter Bethlehem gave  
To Mary, mother of the Lord.

But, lo! when midnight winds went by,  
Aflame was Bethlehem's watching sky!  
Great gulfs of splendod clove the blue,  
And, flashing their abysses through,  
God's angel stood within the ray,  
And to the shepherds cried, "This day,  
In David's city, Christ is born!"  
And suddenly the heavenly host  
Filled all the air, and fear was lost  
In visions of celestial morn,  
As swelled that song of ecstasy—  
Herald of Eden's prime again:  
"Glory to God in the highest be,  
And on earth peace, good will toward  
men!"  
And the shepherds hastened, wondering,  
To find the manger-cradled King.

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