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BOISE VALLEY QUARTER HOLDS C. E. CONFERENCE.

The most successful Christian Endeavor Conference ever held in Boise Valley Quarter was held at Star, Idaho, August 28, 29 and 30. The attendance and interest was the best that we have ever seen in a Quarterly Meeting affair in this part of the country for many years.

The theme of our Conference was "Progress," and our text, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II. Peter 3:18. The text was well developed in the devotional services and the evangelistic and other messages all tended to help us to fulfill the admonition given in our text.

We had as a special speaker, that friend of Oregon Yearly Meeting Endeavorers, Rev. Chester Hadley of Portland. All who were privileged to hear him were not disappointed in their expectations of something good, for he brought thought provoking and inspiring messages that stirred our souls and brought conviction to some. Mr. Hadley gave the evening message Friday, an address on our church and its future Saturday morning, and the messages of Sunday morning and evening.

The Saturday morning session was given over to discussion of our Church problems and Mr. Hadley's address. The afternoon session to an Intermediate talk by Mrs. Hadley, conference on society problems, which was led by Mrs. J. Q. Hook, our State Field Secretary, and closing with a business session. The Saturday evening service was featured by a message from Rev. Calvin Choate, who gave us one of the messages delivered at Twin Rocks Conference.

Sunday afternoon was given over to a Junior demonstration by the Melba and Star Juniors and then to Conference Echoes by the representatives from Boise Valley, who attended Twin Rocks Conference. We are getting anxious for the next Conference time to come around for we are all getting the Conference fever and are anxious to "come and see" for ourselves.

The closing service, Sunday evening, was one that will live in the memory of those who were there as being a time of blessing and inspiration. The song service and testimony meeting were splendid and proved a real time of blessing to us, and was followed by a searching message by Chester Hadley.

Though there were no seekers at the altar during the entire conference, it was plain that the Holy Ghost was working, and we only trust that the seed sown will bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God. However, there was a strengthening of the believers and building up in the faith of all, which made the Conference of untold value.

Last, but not least, we might mention the Pre-Prayer Services, which were times of blessing to the participants. Before each session, about 10 or 15 minutes was spent in one of the S. S. rooms in a session of prayer for the blessing of the Lord upon the service. We were made to feel that prayer does change

things and that God answers prayer, for which we praise Him.

KENNETH EICHENBERGE.

A YOUNG FRIEND AS A SEER

Edward Mott.

In a recent number of this paper we gave some account of the life and early ministry of John Dorland, a Canadian Friend, whose labors were much blessed both in this country and in England. This month we are giving some extracts from a paper read by him in London Y. M. The title of this paper was "Some Present-Day Needs of the Society of Friends," in which, although it was written over thirty years ago, the author forecasted present day conditions in a remarkable way.

He refers to our church as having had a great opportunity which had to an extent been lost and urges the need of a return to the spirit and earnest service of early Friends. He then proceeds to urge some things which he considers to be essential to such a revival. He writes: "Towards this end we need to see the inclusive character of Quakerism. That is, how truly we are one with all evangelical churches in the fundamentals of the Christian religion. This oneness is larger than we may have supposed. We dwell so much more frequently on points of difference that points of likeness are obscured or forgotten."

On this point he quotes from William Penn as follows: "I say then that where we are supposed to differ most, we dissent least. It is generally thought that we do not hold the common doctrines of Christianity, but have introduced new and erroneous ones in lieu thereof; whereas we plainly and entirely believe the truths contained in the creed commonly called the 'Apostles' Creed'." "We cannot suppose that such a man took such a position in either mistake or ignorance and I presume that most of us hold the same position today. We need a firm grasp of these fundamental truths. One who has found his anchorage in Christ, views without alarm the shaking of all around him, convinced that the unshakable things will remain. The unbelief that rejects miracles and the supernatural in the Old Testament will reject them in the New. It is not a question of reconciling dates and numbers merely, but he who looks at Israel's history and asks, 'Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?' may also ask of the Incarnation and the Resurrection, 'How can these things be?'"

"We need a revival of devotional Bible study. George Fox was a man of one book. He knew it almost by heart. William Penn says of him, 'He had an extraordinary gift in opening the Scriptures.'"

(Continued next month)

Keep singing at your task until
You see it stand completed.
Nor let the clouds of doubt draw near,
Your sky's glad sunshine murling;
Be brave, and fill your heart with cheer,
And just go right on working.

—Nixon Waterman.

AN APOLOGY

I wish to offer due apology to the Victory Gospel Quartette for my failure to thank them in the last issue of The Friendly Endeavor for their services at the Conference. It was an unintentional oversight for which I am truly penitent. We were very fortunate in having so splendid a quartette with us for the boys certainly sang beautifully. They made quite an effort to come to Conference just to sing for us, and I truly want to thank them for their kindness. We will probably not be able to hear the quartette again for some time as one of the members, Elbert Morford, is now attending Asbury College in Kentucky.

WALTER LEE,
President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS FOR OCTOBER

October 4, 1925

Topic—"How can our Society Benefit the Community?"

Scripture Reference—Acts 8:4-8.

In this lesson we have a concrete example of Community Uplift. It is the only kind of uplift which God recognizes. Furthermore it was done by a lay member of the church—and a member of the first Social committee, appointed to "serve tables." (Acts 6.)

Philip had the qualifications all Social Committeemen need, namely: fulness of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. We see that this equipment brought him success in uplifting this Samaritan city for "there was great joy" there.

Philip may have started this work with a Community Social. It seems socials were in his line, and since he was "full of wisdom" he would seek some point of contact with the unsaved people. But he knew that any worlding could put on socials as an end in themselves, so, no matter what his method, he worked everything toward true Community Uplift and "preached Christ."

Philip also solved many of the community problems. How? Like Jesus did. Read this editorial from a recent "Christian Herald." "One of the most astonishing things about Jesus was his apparent indifference to His historical surroundings. He lived in the midst of more 'problems' than we do today. There was universal slavery, degradation of women, cruelty to the weak, appalling crime conditions, vice conditions in Rome and the big cities that were far beyond anything known today; graft and greed in business on the colossal scale. There was all around Jesus in the world into which He was born all the wickedness of our modern world, only vastly worse. The climax of all social problems was the military system, which controlled everything.

"But in the midst of all these problems, industrial, political, social, and military, Jesus calmly went His way, saying nothing about them. He never mentioned

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know and understand the doctrines we represent by being "Quakers."

Miss Ruth Reese the secretary and a devoted member of the society (is leaving this fall for Scotts Mills, where she will teach school. Mr. and Mrs. Reese are preparing to move to Kansas, where he will take part in evangelistic work.

Miriam Holder occupied the pulpit September 6th and delivered a splendid message. We feel our young people are receiving good training at N. P. E. I.

CHEHALEM CENTER

It seems that the Chehalem Center reporter has been taking a vacation for the last three months, but she has returned to her job after a threat by the society to fire her.

Chehalem Center Endeavor has had a wedding in its midst this summer. On the 24th of June Lucille Johnson and Wilbur Elliott were married at the church with Rev. Carl F. Miller officiating. Their wedding trip was spent at the coast.

Very nearly the entire active membership of the society attended the Conference with several associate members and some of the older and younger church members. The general sentiment seems to be that there will never be another Conference without Chehalem Center young folks and older ones as well.

The Conference started several things, one of them being the choir. Chehalem Center has had a choir, but recently interest has lagged and most of the time the choir chairs have been vacant. Since the Conference the choir has been very active and every member is enthusiastic and determined to keep up the good work.

The opening of school sees two Chehalem Center girls in Pacific College, Edna Ralston and Ruth Whitlock, and Evelyn Hodson and Robert Whitlock in the Academy. Minnie and Bessie Ralston, Marion Cupples and Mary Morgan are attending high school. Ruth Baker has accepted a school at Shoals, Oregon, which is near enough home so that she can spend the week-ends at home. The C. E. is grateful that she will not have to spend all winter away as she did last year.

Mrs. Elwood Johnson spoke to the Endeavor on the Sunday evening following the Conference. She gave a Bible reading on the twenty-third Psalm explaining all the verses in the light of the customs of Palestine shepherds.

FIRST FRIENDS, PORTLAND

Several of our young people have gone to Pacific this fall. Genevieve Badley, Seth Oliver Terrell, Wendell Hutchens, Gladys Hadley, Hilma Hendrickson and

Gwendolyn Hanson. Glenn Heacock will attend N. P. E. I.

A surprise party was held for the three Intermediates who were leaving, at the home of Ruth Wright. It required much strategy to get Wendell Hutchens there. He was quite determined in his own mind that he needed a long night's sleep.

Our two C. E.'s will not be held for two Sundays because of the Billy Sunday meetings. There is only one "Billy" Sunday in the world and we are glad for the opportunity to hear him.

Miss Olive Terrell is recovering from an operation at the Good Samaritan Hospital. She is doing well and hopes to return to school soon.

The Intermediates planned a Labor Day picnic but because of the rain they had to have it in the basement of the church. They had a fine time and plenty of eads so the rain had no effect on them.

Our Sunday School has had the privilege of sending workers to a school house at Lynch to help in a community Sunday School. The work has grown splendidly under the direction of Gladys Hadley and Walter Cook. The Sunday School presented Gladys with a beautiful writing case as she was leaving for college. Miss Leah Shimp will teach the class Gladys leaves. Gerald Morrison is doing a splendid work with the boys out there also.

Mrs. Fanno entertained the Mary-Martha Sunday School class at dinner recently in honor of the ones leaving for school. No words can tell how much we enjoyed the evening. We wish the other young people could learn to know and love our teacher as we do.

Fair exchange is no robbery so the old saying goes. First Church is beginning to feel that Lents at least, owes us a big "thank you". Emel Swanson and Alberta Schneider were married at First Church, Wednesday, September 9. We will miss Alberta sorely from our ranks, but know she will be of much help to Lents, and join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Swanson God's richest blessing on their lives.

First Friends Church, Portland, was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday, September 9th, at 8 p. m., when Alberta Schneider was married to J. Emel Swanson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Chester A. Hadley, and prayer was offered by Rev. Fred Cope. The wedding party marched in to the soft strains of Lohengrin. John Brouger acted as best man. The bride was beautiful in white satin and the conventional veil. Mrs. Boyd Wolff, her sister, was matron of honor, and Miss Cora Rands, bridesmaid. Little Irene Swanson was a most adorable flower girl. The ceremony was very impressive and the large congregation of friends and relatives together with hosts of others, wish the happy couple a long and successful life.

Mrs. Swanson was the X-Ray technician at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, having graduated in the class of nurses of 1920. She is an active member of First Church, and is especially interested in the Louise Home rescue work. Emel Swanson is engaged in electrical business, is a member of Second Church, and is well known in Conference C. E. and Sunday school circles. They are at present spending their honey moon at Twin Rocks in Mrs. Gardner's cottage, "The Jay Bird." They expect to make their home in Portland, and will soon return to the new bungalow on 50th St.

For the convenience of Society News Notes correspondents my address is 930 E. Salmon St., Portland, Ore. Several letters have been sent to the wrong address thus causing confusion, resulting even in some notes arriving too late to be printed.

MILDRED HADLEY.

It is not a misfortune to be an old maid or an old bachelor, but from all appearances it must be exciting and interesting when you are one of the two important characters at a wedding.

During the last two weeks so many wedding bells have chimed that such a sound has almost become music to our ears. To be sure we all expected to hear of Emil Swanson taking the last step, but when the news came that Edna Gossett, the school teacher from Piedmont, would soon be joined in matrimony with Marion Ludlow, we were indeed surprised. All agreed that the surprise should not be "one-sided," so we immediately planned to show our faces at the home of the bride as soon as possible after the wedding and surprise them. At 8:30 o'clock, Tuesday evening, September 15, twenty-five or thirty of us walked into the house unannounced. Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow were in the midst of packing their trunks, grips, boxes, suit cases, etc., etc., ready for departure. Monday morning, September 21, they left for the sunny land of California. Perhaps they think that there their lives will be all sunshine. This seldom happens to any of us, for we must all have some clouds and rain drops. Nevertheless, we are wishing them their full share of roses along life's pathway, with as few thorns as possible.

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