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THANKSGIVING.

"In every thing give thanks." From this, and other Scriptures, we see that the admonition to thanksgiving originated long ago in the "will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us." It seems well, however, that in later times our rulers have recognized this obligation and have called upon the people to obey this injunction, hence we have our National Thanksgiving Day for which we are glad. And lest this become a matter of custom and form only, we, as God's people, should ever keep fresh and vital the spirit and significance of the occasion.

In the inspired prayer and praise Book of Israel, we find each of its five divisions ending in a doxology, and after the repeated recital of the many mercies of God, the Book closes with an all inclusive admonition, "Let Every Thing that Hath Breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

Now, the incentive to thanksgiving is rooted much more deeply in a grateful heart than in the recognition of temporal and external blessings. Of all the good gifts our Heavenly Father bestows upon us, eyes to see His goodness and appreciate His providential dealings with us, and a heart to duly prize His favors are the greatest. It has been said that, "He who notes God's providences will never want a providence to note."

Temporal prosperity and plenty are not always accompanied or followed by appreciation or grateful praise to God as the giver; nor does privation or want prevent praise from the heart which "Looks not upon the things that are seen." Did not Habakkuk, the prophet, say, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

It is also true that in the recounting of God's blessings to us there is a greater comprehension of His mercies and grace. It is a very helpful exercise to "Count" and "Name our many blessings" and our every-day reasons for gratitude. Let us look at the hundred small things, and large things, gentle words, loving smiles, sunshine and flowers, beauty and comfort and rest, health and home and friends, national, personal and spiritual favors, and see what God hath done for us. Plato, looking through the dim spectacles of nature, gave thanks unto God for three things: First, that God created him a man and not a beast; Secondly, that he was born a Grecian and not a barbarian; Thirdly, that not only so, but a philosopher also. But the Christian turns the stream of his thanks into another channel: First, that God hath created him after His own image; Secondly, that He has called him out of the world, "delivered him from the powers of darkness" and made him a "New creature in Christ Jesus"; Thirdly, that He is

being "Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Great causes for thankfulness indeed! As we consider these things we feel like saying with David, "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

So, we are made doubly glad; by the enjoyment of the natural pleasures felt in prosperity and comfort; and also by gracious gratitude, which is a fruit of faith and an attitude of soul by which we may "In every thing give thanks."

IDA J. LEE.

HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING DAY.

The First Thanksgiving Day in America was called by Governor Bradford. But this was not the first time God's children had set aside a special time for giving thanks. One of the Jewish Feasts, which came in the fall of the year, was a time of special thanksgiving unto God. The people lived in booths for a week and offered praise and worship to their God for His boundless mercies.

After the first Thanksgiving in America, the day was kept only occasionally by the Pilgrims at such times when special prosperity came or special help in trouble. During the Revolutionary War a National Thanksgiving Day was called, but after 1784 was observed only intermittently over the whole nation with the exception of New England where it was now an established day. In 1795, George Washington issued the first National Thanksgiving Proclamation. The date was set for February 19.

A feeling of National oneness was brought to our country by the proclamation each year. Now, it is not only the people living between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans which lift their hearts in praise; people of other races, who live under the protection of Old Glory are also called upon to give thanks to God.

Thanksgiving Day is one holiday which all people have a right to celebrate. Easter and Christmas are only significant in their true meaning to the Christians but all people whether Christian or sinner have much for which to thank God. God grant that a true feeling of thanksgiving for His numberless blessings shall be expressed both by word and deed on this Thanksgiving Day!

MORE WORLDS TO CONQUER.

The story is told that Alexander the Great, at the end of his conquests, wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. Had Alexander but opened his eyes and projected his vision he would have gazed upon a world so vast that the very vastness of it would have caused his tears to flow anew, not because there were no more worlds to conquer, but because the world which he saw defied his power to subdue it.

But would the great general have seen more worlds—no, not more worlds, just the same old world upon which the fleeting moments of his life were spent.

Today we half-pityingly laugh at the Grecian king because, shut up in the narrow confines of the small portion of the world with which he was familiar, he cried for more worlds to conquer. Yet how many Alexanders today are helplessly crying for more worlds to conquer.

Oh, let us lift up our eyes and look. We do not need more worlds, we need more vision. How often have we sat underneath the juniper tree and sighed because we felt that all the great exploits and achievements were things of the past, sighed for the great opportunity to come, so that we might accomplish the unusual. Yes, we've sat and sighed while the multitudes crying for help surged about us—and still we've sat and sighed.

More worlds to conquer? Who of us have conquered that great harvest field that stretches out before us? How many of us have comprehended the great command, "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"? Instead, we, like the Pharisee, ask, "who is my neighbor?"

Where was the man next door last Sunday? Does he know your church doors are open to him? Does the new family feel welcome in the community or have you passed by on the other side? Did that stranger at Christian Endeavor meeting know you wanted him to come back again?

We're begging for new opportunities and crying because we don't get them, while out before us lie a great multitude of opportunities which we, like Alexander, have failed to see. We want to be like Moses and do great exploits, but we don't want to be a shepherd at the backside of the desert. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

More worlds to conquer—no the one big world for which Christ died.

"Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,

Do not wait, but shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now
be true,

Brighten the corner where you are.

WALTER P. LEE, President.

MUSIC VS. RAGTIME AND JAZZ.

The Origin.

Music originates in the souls of men and women striving to rise above the material and the sensual into a fuller comprehension of eternal beauty, harmony and goodness. It is the universal medium of spiritual expression.

Ragtime and jazz, as generally heard, originate in sensuous emotion and usually in places of questionable character, and they are expressions of discord and degeneracy seeking worldly pleasure in sensuality.

Their Appeal.

Music appeals to man's higher nature, and a love for it is indicative of intellectual and spiritual understanding and refinement.

The others appeal to his lower propensities and they bespeak intellectual and moral degeneracy.

The tendency of the one is upward; of the others downward.

Their Study.

The study of music is educational—promoting moral, intellectual social and spiritual happiness—and thus it enriches, refines and beautifies life.

The study of ragtime and jazz, which, in their origin and nature are the opposite of music, must produce the opposite effect. Music is harmonious, and harmony, as it is sometimes defined, "is heaven." Jazz is discordance, and discord, i. e. the opposite of harmony.

Their Devotees.

Music, therefore, usually finds its devotees in concert halls and in other places of culture and refinement; the others, most frequently in the cabaret, in the ballroom and in places of unrefinement and frivolity.

A great need of the world today is harmony; it has had enough of discord.

By C. M. MERICA,

Manager of the New Haven School of Music, in Musical Courier.

Selected from "Heart and Life Bulletin."

BIBLE READING ON THANKSGIVING.

Spiritual Blessings for Which to Offer Praise.

Salvation—Rom. 6:17.

Grace—1 Cor. 1:4.

Unspeaking Gift—2 Cor. 9:15.

Growing Faith—2 Thess. 1:3.

Victory—1 Cor. 15:57.

Triumph—2 Cor. 2:14.

All Things—Eph. 5:20.

The Place of Thanksgiving in Prayer.

Manner of Voice—Psa. 26:7.

Attitude of Heart—Psa. 95:2.

Manner of Petition—Phil. 4:6.

Persistence—Col. 4:2.

Grace Before Meals.

Christ's Example—Matt. 26:27.

Paul's Practice—Acts 27:35.

God's Command—1 Tim. 4:31-3.

Frequency of Praise.

Continually—Heb. 13:15.

Result of Praise.

Redound to God's Glory—2 Cor. 5:15.

Glorify God—Psa. 50:23.

Who May Praise.

Nature Does—Psa. 145:10; Psa. 19:1.

Upright—Psa. 33:1.

Aim of Life.

Col. 2:6-7—"As ye have therefore received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk ye in him; rooted and built up in him and established in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER

By BELL G. BRADLEY.

November 14, 1926.

Topic: "Interdenominational Fellowship." I John 1:3-7; Eph. 4:1-6.

There is nothing which promotes interdenominational fellowship like the experience of sanctification. We have seen at our Holiness camp meetings minis-

ters from many denominations sitting on the platform or walking around the grounds, and it was absolutely impossible to pin a denominational tag on one of them. Recollection presents a great, stalwart soldier of the Cross, quiet in manner, subdued in speech and meek in attitude. He should by all the rules have been a Presbyterian, but he turned out to be a Free Methodist, and the shouting brother, who might easily have been labeled a Nazarene, was a Quaker. Such fellowship—real, genuine, love-your-neighbor fellowship—prevailed that it was no wonder we exclaimed over it, and decided that folks who love the Lord are about all alike inside, even though they belong to different denominations.

Give instances in your own town or suburb of co-operation between the churches.

In what way are the churches all united? Mention some ways in which they differ. Need the differences you mention produce friction and lack of fellowship?

What conditions might exist in a church which would make it impossible for your church to really find fellowship there?

Churches trying to co-operate toward some worthy cause may easily get eyes off the great work in question and find themselves smothered in differences which are non-essential. Have you heard the story of the New England cow? She jumped over a fence, stumbled on the other side and fell on her head. Her horns ran under the root of a tree. And thus her head was held down. Her nose was submerged in a little pool of water only an inch or two deep, but it might as well have been the river, for she was found dead—drowned in a puddle. How many good causes, started in the churches banded together, have been drowned in puddles of non-essentials? Keep in mind essentials, however, and non-essentials. Let us give an example. My church may believe in a congregational form of government, and yours may believe in an episcopal form of government. That's non-essential. But if yours believes in the deity of Jesus Christ and mine believes He was just a good man and a great example, you couldn't possibly fellowship with me. Give other instances.

November 21, 1926.

Topic: "How Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow?" Psa. 116:12-19; Luke 17:11-19.

How would it be to make a list of the things you are most thankful for, adding to it as you think of them, and then have a half-hour of prayer of thanksgiving only? Name each item you have written, and thank the Lord for it. Try making one prayer without asking for anything.

How may we acquire the "thankful habit?" Most habits come from doing a thing often enough. If you were to start out giving thanks every morning this next week, it would be easy to continue the week after.

How may we express thanks by our actions? Did you notice that young fellow thanking his mother for the good meal. I wonder if he ever expressed his thoughts in actions by washing the dishes for her.

Stop growling if you want to get the thanksgiving habit. Listen to the parable of the Good Day, as told by Amos R. Wells.

Once there was a Good Day. It was a Perfectly Good Day, warm, but not too warm, bright and snappy and glorious. It took a walk to receive men's praises and bask in their gratitude, and this is what it heard.

Old Caspar Jones: "Dear me! We need rain."

Mary Twitter: "How monotonous this weather is!"

Sam Sprague: "Getting dusty around here."

Morton Grant: "It's so windy to-day I can't burn my leaves."

Granny Simmons: "Horrid! Too cold! I wish the sun would come out hotter and cure my rheumatism."

Ned Greeley: "This weather is enough to give a fellow spring fever."

Then the Good Day went back home discouraged. "What's the use," it said, "of being a Perfectly Good Day, if this is all the thanks I get for it?"

So the next day it rained!!

How do we know that God is good?—God's goodness is proved in thousands of ways, but chiefly in his redeeming of sinners and exalting them to the standing of children of God.

How does nature show us God's goodness?—All nature speaks of God's atonement for lost men. Science teaches that no two atoms in the universe touch each other. By Jesus Christ "all things consist" (hold together). To him therefore the universe owes its continued existence.

How should we requite God's goodness?—By letting him fill us with himself and his goodness, and thus to work through us to others. "The whole duty and blessedness of waiting on God has its root in this, that he is such a blessed Being, full to overflowing of goodness and power and life and joy that one, however wretched, cannot for any time come into contact with him without that goodness and power secretly, silently, beginning to enter into him and blessing him. God is love!"

Do you not marvel that the mighty Ruler of the universe should be so merciful to sinners as to plead, "Come unto me, and be ye saved"? Is it not beyond human comprehension that this Sovereign God should be so patient with his erring children? "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Psa. 107:8.

November 28, 1926.

Topic: "Christian Endeavor Around the World." Phil. 2:1-13.

When we think of the 80,000 C. E. Societies scattered over the earth, one at least in nearly every country in the world, we conclude that Christian Endeavor is worth while.

A young girl was leaving a thrilling missionary meeting in company with a relative. "I can't get interested in missions!" she exclaimed petulantly. "No, my dear," came the response from the older woman, "it isn't to be expected that you would. It is just like getting interested in a bank. You have to put in something first, and the more you put in, the more interest you will have. It may be time or money or prayers, but something you have to put in, or you will never have any interest." As

we consider the missionary challenge, might we not each ask ourselves the question, "Have I the interest in missions that the Lord Jesus Christ wants me to have? Is it because I am holding back something from God?"

"We may pray for laborers: 'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest' (Luke 10:2). If the harvest was great and the laborers few in the day when Jesus said these words, what shall we think in these days of ours? Since the time of Christ the nations of the earth have greatly multiplied, until now there are one billion five hundred millions of men, women and children. And the sad part of the matter is that the laborers are fewer, comparatively, than they were in those early times, the peoples of the earth having increased more rapidly than those who have carried the name of Christ to them. It is an overwhelming problem, therefore, that confronts the church of Christ: How to make the few messengers of the Cross reach the many who need them, and how to turn these few into a multitude is beyond the power of man. But the problem is not too great for God. Christ's last words were: 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth,' and this assertion is the hope both of the church and the world. God's human agency of working, however, is prayer. As we pray for laborers, He will send them forth."

December 5, 1926.

Topic: "Character: How Form It? What Affects It?" Prov. 22:1, 8:1-11; 1 Cor. 15:33. (Consecration Meeting.)

What is the difference between character and reputation?

Name some of the important character builders in the church.

State several qualities which you would class as requisites of good character.

Can we build character upon selfishness?

Selfishness is the sign of a heart full of self—self-love, self-indulgence, self-praise, self-satisfaction, self-pity, or some other form of self-life. We inherit the root of them all because of Adam's sin, but they grow and flourish in our lives as we yield to them. Each time we yield they become stronger, until they determine our actions, direct our thoughts and completely control our lives.

Selfish acts and thoughts are the natural results of selfish hearts, for "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

In character building, watch the following:

1. Associates.
2. Words.
3. Thoughts.
4. Habits.
5. Reading.
6. Prayer life.
7. Bible study.

Building character is no child's play. It takes real grit and grace to form sturdy genuine character. It takes strenuous effort over years of time, and probably affliction, to bring out the best in us. God is as certain to afflict us as to love us, for affliction is for our healing, our strengthening, our blessing.

In building character, let us put into it only the best material.

We must exercise faith, and character will be the reward. All the splendid virtues of character from God's standpoint are added to faith. Our faith must be foremost; it is the pioneer.

Watch the little things. What common provocations, those miserable little petty affairs of every day life, sometimes spoil the foundation of character.

Start building on the Rock of Ages, and your foundation is sure. Then, as the years pass, and real effort is made toward perfecting the superstructure, you will find your character growing after God's own plan.

SOCIETY NOTES

SOCIETY REPORTS NOTICE.

Mildred Hadley has changed her address and Society Notes should be mailed to her at 1133 East Main St., Portland, Oregon.

HIGHLAND.

A delightful evening was spent at the home of our pastor and wife, Friday, October 8. The business meeting was slow in getting started, as we were having an interesting discussion on evolution and couldn't find any place to stop. We finally decided to put aside some evening especially for that discussion, and proceeded to have our business meeting. Among the different things, we pledged ourselves to give ten dollars to the missionary work of the church. After business meeting, we had an art exhibit. Each person made a contribution to the exhibit by sketching some Bible event. Some one sketched the flood and included a lighthouse in the sketch, and our pastor is still wondering who kept the lighthouse. If a prize had been given, undoubtedly Melva Mitby would have taken it with her sketch of Gideon's Band. The refreshments were delicious—brick ice cream and two kinds of cake.

We have had our church painted a pearl gray recently. We are now cleaning and getting the interior ready to be tinted and to have a new carpet laid. We have also had a hot water tank installed in the kitchen in the basement.

Florence Vanderhoof and her mother, Mrs. Chas. Hardy, have returned from a trip to San Francisco, Cal., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Hardy's mother, and visited relatives and friends.

Earle Riggs is attending O. A. C. We hope he gets to come home often.

It seems good to have Walter Lee again in our midst. He is attending Willamette University.

Mary Armstrong left Tuesday, Oct. 12, for North Pacific Evangelistic Institute. We don't see how we can get along without her, as she has been such a help and encouragement to us.

Mrs. Kiziz Thomas is visiting relatives and friends in various places in California.

SCOTTS MILLS.

The business meeting of the Endeavor Society was held October 10 at the home of J. W. McCracken.

The treasurer's report showed that the quota for the Friendly Endeavor had not yet all been paid, as several of our members had moved away, leaving our ranks somewhat depleted. It was suggested that the amount be made up that night. All willingly helped out, and the debt that had been hanging over the society for several months was cancelled.

The Missionary Chairman's report showed that the pledges for the support of the Japanese Bible woman had covered her support the past year.

After a few other items of business, the president asked the social committee chairman to take charge. The social was in the nature of a farewell for the young people leaving at this time. An interesting program was given, consisting of readings (appropriate and otherwise) and several musical numbers. These were all enjoyed very much. Then sides were chosen and charades were played. After refreshments, all went home, hoping that those leaving us were made to realize how much we would miss them, but that we were glad for their opportunity of increasing their efficiency for the Master's service. We trust that this will be a good year for those who have gone and for us who remain.

John Brougher, whom we have enjoyed having with us a few weeks, returned to Portland at the opening of the University. He will soon be having having an M.D. attached to his name.

Rev. C. E. Crandall and family from Vermont have moved into our community. We welcome them to our meetings and trust that they will feel at home with us.

SPRINGBROOK.

Rev. and Mrs. Potter, and son are our new pastors. They were formerly of Idaho and are now filling the vacancy made by Rev. Scotten's removal to Washington. We welcomed them into our vicinity and pray God's blessing upon their work here.

Friday evening, October 2, a reception was held for our new pastors, in the school auditorium. Supper was served after which a short program was rendered.

Mary Mills who has been shut in for some time with a broken ankle is slowly recovering. We miss her greatly from our Endeavor meeting and hope she soon will be out again.

Several of the young people have gone to school in various places. Marjorie Brown went to Idaho. Ethel Cowgill, Esther and Esthel Gulley to Portland, to attend North Pacific Evangelistic Institute; and Vernon Newby to the Northwestern Business School, in Portland. Myrtle Green expects to soon join the others at N. P. E. I.

A Christian Endeavor social was held at the home of Myrtle Green. A good number of young people enjoyed the evening of fun and the eskimo pies, which were served later.

The County Christian Endeavor Convention was held in the Newberg Christian Church, October 8, 9 and 10. Members of our society attended a number of the sessions.

Eva Stone and Adab Peters visited their brother in California. They report a very enjoyable trip.

BOISE.

Our monthly business meetings and social was held at the home of Maurice and Marie Marden. A pleasant evening of various games was enjoyed, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and Rose Koch.

Our new pastors William and Leona Murphy are winning the hearts of the people. They are a great help and blessing to the Christian Endeavor and Church.

October 10, some of the Endeavorers from the Star Friends society visited us in our C. E. prayer meeting. We expect to return the visit when our revival is over.

Our Revival began September 26th, with Inez E. Batchelor and Nettie C. Springer, evangelist and singer. They are both good, earnest, sincere preachers of the Gospel. They believe and preach Repentance, Restitution and Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Please pray for us.

STAR.

Our Sabbath evening services on October 10 were dismissed, as the Endeavorers and some of the older members accepted Boise C. E.'s invitation to join with them in their prayer meeting and also the revival services which were in progress there. Others of our members attended a meeting held in our school hall at which Mrs. Sanford, a National Woman's Christian Temperance Union worker from Wisconsin, spoke on law enforcement and Christian citizenship.

At last we have positive prospects for pastors. Listen for news about them next month.

Lucile Hadley, one of our Junior Endeavorers was one of the speakers in the contest at the state W. C. T. U. Convention, held at Nampa, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks and David Conner were welcomed into our church as members, at a recent Sabbath morning service.

Carol Heston returned home, October 4th from the Nazarene hospital at Nampa, where she underwent a very successful operation for goitre.

Lois Jones and Beulah Beeson are attending the Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa this year and Merwin Helmbolt is attending the College of Idaho, at Caldwell.

GREENLEAF.

Greenleaf endeavorers have started their winter's work with much zeal and are well along toward the goal which they set for themselves on the efficiency chart. The new officers for the year were chosen as follows: President, Ralph Choate; Vice-Pres. and Lookout Chairman, Elmore Jackson; Secretary, Helen Williams; Prayer Meeting Chairman, Virena Rinard; Missionary Chairman, Dilla G. Tucker; Social Committee Chairman, Miss Logston; Friendly Endeavor reporter, Miss Terrell.

The October business meeting and social held at the home of Ruth Myers, was a great success. About fifty young people met together in business and fun, and many facts previously unknown to the group were revealed by the mind-reader and fortune-teller of the evening. Orpha Presnall, Malinda Rinard and Edith Ellis from our number are attending college at Nampa.

Eugene Hibbs and Arthur French are attending N. P. E. I. in Portland.

MELBA.

On October 8, our monthly business meeting and social was held at the home of Rev. Astelford. After the business had been taken care of we enjoyed a Columbus Day party. We had a delightful voyage and after duly discovering America, we were called to mess. One ambitious sailor landed on Iowa's rockbound coast but no one became seasick, so a pleasant voyage was enjoyed by all.

A few days ago, Charles Ommen and Marshall Eichenberger arrived in Melba after an extended tour to eastern Washington, on business. We are very glad to see Charles back again in our midst; so is Charles from all appearances.

Ruth Eichenberger has enrolled in the Northwestern Nazarene College of Nampa, Idaho. We miss her face in our meetings, also her collection. Marshall Eichenberger has also enrolled in the same institution.

We are beginning to make plans for Twin Rocks, 1927. Our motto is going to be Twin Rocks or Bust. If we are not there you will know that we are "broke."

SECOND FRIENDS CHURCH

On September 3, we had another pretty church wedding, when Mabel Braithwaite and George Cox were married. Mabel is chairman of our missionary committee.

Death took one of our members, October 2. After a long illness Non Earl Lamb went to be with Jesus. A large number of friends attended the funeral services at Second Friends Church and accompanied the remains to City View Cemetery, Salem. As a final tribute the young people formed a circle around her last resting place, singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Several of our young people are attending N. P. E. I. this fall.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH—

- Piedmont?
- First Friends (Portland)?
- Tacoma?
- Newberg?
- South Salem?
- Rosedale?
- Entiat?
- We miss your Society Notes.

NOTICE—PLACE FOR RENT.

38 Acres, mostly loganberries and prunes, some apples, pears and cherries, garden and small pasture. Located at Rosedale, 7 miles south of Salem, Oregon. On macadam road, only one-half mile from paved highway. Friends Church and good school nearby. Wish to rent to some Christian family. Inquire at once of the editor about easy terms.

We are likely to thing concerning our every-day trials that they are of too homely a sort to work out anything beautiful in our character, but they are not more homely than the chisel in the hands of the sculptor.

Gratitude is expensive.—Gibbon.

THE TURNED LESSON.

1
"I thought I knew it," she said,
"I thought I had learned it quite."
But the gentle teacher shook her head,
With a grave yet loving light
In the eyes that fell on the upturned face,
As she gave the book,
With the mark in the selfsame place.

2
"I thought I knew it," she said;
And a heavy tear fell down,
As she turned away with bending head,
Yet not for reproof or frown;
Not for the lesson to learn again,
Or the play hour lost—
It was something else that gave the pain.

3
She could not have put it in words,
But her Teacher understood,
As God understands the chirp of the birds
In the depth of the autumn wood.
And a quiet touch on the reddening cheek
Was quite enough;
No need to question, no need to speak.

4
Then the gentle voice was heard,
"Now I will try you again!"
And the lesson was mastered, every word.
Was it not worth the pain?
Was it not kinder the task to turn,
Than to let it pass,
As a lost, lost leaf that she did not learn?

5
Is it not often so,
That we only learn in part,
And the Master's testing time may show
That it was not quite "by heart"?
Then He gives, in His wise and patient
grace,
That lesson again,
With the mark still set in the selfsame
place.

6
Only stay by His side,
Till the page is really known.
It may be we failed because we tried
To learn it all alone,
And now that He would not let us lose
One lesson of love
(For He knows the loss), can we refuse?

7
But oh! how could we dream
That we knew it all so well?
Reading so fluently, as we deem,
What we could not even spell!
And oh! how could we grieve once more
That Patient One,
Who has turned so many a task before?

8
That waiting One, who now
Is letting us try again;
Watching us with the patient brow,
That bore the wreath of pain;
Thoroughly teaching what He would
teach,
Line upon line,
Thoroughly doing His work in each.

9
Then let our hearts "be still,"
Though our task is turned today;
Oh! let Him teach us what He will,
In His own gracious way.
Till, sitting at Jesus' feet,
As we learn each line,
The hardest is found all clear and sweet.
—Francis Ridley Havergal.

If our religion does not clothe us in the refinements of common courtesies it will fail to win the interested attention of the men of the world.—Jowett.

ACKNOWLEDGING CHRIST.

Text, Prov. 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Man naturally looks to someone or something outside of himself for direction. Many are trying to direct themselves, yet there is something which occupies first place in their lives, which is marking the paths in which their feet shall step.

As we glance over the world, we see those who acknowledge spirits, dwelling in animals, plants and mountains, as they suppose. Others acknowledge only Nature as superior to man. As we come nearer home, money seems to hold the highest place in the hearts of some; pleasure is the all-important thing to others; and self is the only concern of many.

The paths of these are marked out for them by the thing which they acknowledge. Constant fear is the lot of those who believe in spirits; a one-sided life, because of a narrow vision, is the path of the lovers of money; an incessant, fruitless search for fun occupies the time of the pleasure seekers; an unhappy, yea, miserable life is before those who spend their time thinking only of self.

Solomon tells us of another, who will direct our paths, if we will acknowledge Him. Who is this One? Isaiah says of Him: "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, . . . that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out to dwell in." He "hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with a span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance." The One we are to acknowledge is from eternity to eternity. It is He who hath made all things for His glory. He knows the end from the beginning. He knows all about us and can direct us aright. What a privilege to acknowledge Him and receive His directions!

Man's life is made up of three parts, physical, mental and spiritual. The problem for each individual is how to acknowledge God in all these divisions of life.

First, how may we acknowledge Him in our physical life? Paul tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Should we not then care for our bodies as God's dwelling place? All are called to be ambassadors for Him. Our very appearance should be in keeping with such a position. People judge the heavenly kingdom and the heavenly King by the appearance and actions of the ambassadors sent to them. God expects us to glorify Him in our physical being, for it is His creation.

Second, acknowledge God in your mental life. Thoughts and words are marvelous in their being and in what they can accomplish. No other creation on earth has the power of reason as man has. God expects glory to Himself through the faculties of man's mind. Man has the power of choice. He can choose what he will think and do. The words which come from the lips are an index to the thought life and the choices of an individual. The young person who is striving for the highest values of life has no time to spend on non-essential thoughts. Neither has he time to waste, for there are so many valuable books to

be read, beside textbooks, which will contribute much to character. It is to the person who grasps every opportunity to thus enrich his life, that God gives the opportunity to fill some important place in His service.

Third, acknowledge God in your spiritual life. There is no true spiritual life without God enthroned in the heart. God has created man with a nature that may have contact with the invisible world. Human beings were not made for the trifling things of earth, but for eternity. God wants our affections set above. He wants us to commune with Him daily. Then He will tell us how to live a consistent life before the world, will give us messages for others who need a personal word, and will whisper His love to us. This kind of a life will bring such joy that we will indeed be strong.

If in all our ways we acknowledge Him, then we can expect Him to direct all our ways. Health and strength will be ours in our physical being. Wisdom and understanding from above will possess our minds. The student who knows God in every way will find that he can learn more in a shorter time than he did when he was slighting God's demands and desires. He will grow by leaps and bounds, and will be the man whom God will be able to use in the greater spheres of life.

A constant deepening in grace will come as we honor God in the spiritual part of our lives. New visions will appear, sympathies will be enlarged, and the pages of Scripture will be enlightened to our hearts. God longs for every soul to enjoy the very best possible, not just the good.

Schools have opened, and perhaps the majority of Endeavorers have already started another year of study. Shall we not all pledge to God anew that we will, by His help, acknowledge Him in all our ways? We will live and act as though He were visibly present in every class, in the halls, the study room, dining room and parlor. We will perform His service first, and do ours afterward. We will be faithful in keeping our trust with Him. If we all do this, the Christian Endeavorers of Oregon Yearly Meeting will be greatly blessed, and our field of service will be greatly enlarged.

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Editor.

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"Praise should form a large part of the daily devotions. It is a method of practicing the presence of God."

"They that cannot have what they like should learn to like what they have." A tough lesson but well worth learning. —Spurgeon.

PRaise.

God desires to be praised by the lips as well as by the life. Paul exhorts us to offer the sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of our lips. David says, "Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the elders." Much of nature voices its praise; why should not man? The morning stars sing together, the wind sings, the birds seem to almost split their throats giving praise; the brooks chatter as they ripple and then rush on their way; the trees rejoice as they bow and sway in the winds, and the sea roars as it dashes on the shore. Why should God's children be silent when all nature in voicing praise? We need not be, we should not be. God wants to be glorified by the praise of our lips. As we praise God with our voice, the devil will flee, for he cannot stay where God's name is being magnified. Jesus gives us the "garment of praise" in place of the spirit of heaviness. True praise will be voiced as well as lived.

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God gives us a new heart with which to love Him. Old desires and affections are gone, for our old heart which treasured these things is gone. The new heart is full of love to God, and for His commands, and finds delight in serving and praising Him who ruleth all things.

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We suggest that each reader of this paper do some special kindness for some one this Thanksgiving time. Perhaps you can find some one who cannot repay you. Your happiness will be that much greater if you can serve such an one. Let's spread happiness.

PUT DISAGREEABLE DUTIES FIRST

A well-known public man who has attained old age and retained a surprising youthfulness of spirit, said recently that if he had any disagreeable subject to discuss, any hard question to settle, or any unpleasant task to perform he always attended to it in the early morning. The hard, uncomfortable, unpleasant things were looked after when he was at his best, and as far as he could manage it, the latter part of the day, when his nerve force had been more or less depleted, was not disturbed by anything disagreeable.

The sleep which refreshes and invigorates usually follows an evening of cheerfulness and quiet. We might as well sprinkle mustard on our pillows, as far as sleep is concerned, as to spend it in acrimonious conversation. And there are some books which are as upsetting as a quarrel. Perhaps it would be too much to say they ought not to be read within two hours of bed-time.

Whatever disagreeable duty you may need to attend to, dispose of it as early in the day as you can. Leave the late afternoon and especially the evening free for what is cheerful and pleasant. —Heart and life Bulletin.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

At the last Executive meeting, Wilfred Pearson, from the Sunnyside Society was appointed Superintendent of Christian Endeavor in Portland Quarterly Meeting, to serve the unexpired term of Clarice Morford, who is now attending Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. We expect to hear from the new superintendent

soon. Everyone rally around him and help him finish this year successfully.

AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

The death of Ralph Cammack, of Rosedale, October 31st, 1926, marks the close of a godly life and the entrance of a redeemed saint into his eternal reward.

His funeral was largely attended by the entire community, as well as many from the various monthly meetings of Salem Quarterly meeting, where he had lived and served for so many years.

Truly a "Prince and a great man has fallen in Israel." We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Mrs. Mary Cammack and the children in this time of bereavement and sorrow.

EMBLEM OF THANKFULNESS.

The circulations of the ocean constitutes a plain and permanent picture of these relations between a human soul and a redeeming God. The sea is always drawing what it needs down to itself and also sending up of its abundance into the heavens. It is always getting and giving. So, when in the covenant the true relation has been constituted, the redeemed one gets and gives, gives and gets; draws from God a stream of benefits, sends up to God the incense of praise.—Arnot.

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