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The Friendly Endeavor

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January, 1927.

THE OPEN DOOR.

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door."—Rev. 3:8.

We stand before the open door of the New Year. It is like a new born babe, small, innocent, pure, untouched by any of the sorrows or sins of this world. It is like a white page, unwritten upon. It is like a new garment, unsoiled, without spot or wrinkle.

What shall we do with it? Make it a happy year, a year of victory. With hearts courageous and bold with perfect love, let us march toward its golden sunrise, and keep to the open road.

None of us know what is beyond this door; what experiences, whether bitter or sweet; what pleasures or sorrows; what successes or failures. But we have assurance in Christ, there should be no anxiety. Our heavenly Father who so lovingly watched over us in the past, will continue to guard us. He alone can preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more.

May we begin this year with Christ as personal Companion and Counselor. Begin the year with our Bible. "In the beginning God." If we begin with Him it will be easier to continue with Him. Take the first step with Him and He will help us take the next. Walking with Him, the way will grow brighter.

As we enter this open door, let us take inventory. Where do we stand as compared to the beginning of 1926? Are we any nearer Christ? Do we understand His will for us any better? Have we lived up to our obligations as members of the Church, in the matter of attending the Sunday and week-day services, in supporting the pastor and the activities of the various departments, in giving, in setting an example of Christian living before those of our homes, in the business world, and the younger boys and girls of the community? Have we measured up to our responsibility in seeking to win our friends and acquaintances to Jesus Christ? Let us think seriously for one brief moment! How are we facing the New Year? Shall it be the same or will we write it anew? We are writing the story of our lives. We will write it better or poorer. "Let us forget those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, let us press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The coming Year offers large things. Pray that it shall be the best of all our years. Enter upon it with renewed faith in God. Looking forward to our dear "Twin Rocks" our faith rises in anticipation. Things will be said and done there, that will shape the lives of many young people in Oregon Yearly Meeting. Great problems will be solved, and choices will be made. Don't forget to pray.

Allow me to suggest three traveling companions for every young life who faces the great tasks of the coming Year. 1. Take faith with you. It takes no prophet to foretell that you will meet

with things that will try you, but faith in Christ and your Bible will help you through them all. 2. Take hope with you. Faith, will start you; Hope will keep you going. Hope is at the bottom of nearly all great things done for God and man. It is the mainspring of life. Hope will help you to wait until the clouds roll by. 3. Take love with you. You need fervent love; Love will never fail. Give extra measure this year. Pour it out on the bleeding, bruised world. There is nothing like love to heal the aches and ills of the human heart. There are measures of love in your heart that you have never given out. Give it to others.

ANOTHER YEAR.

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of learning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence 'all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee!
—Francis Ridley Havergal.

SALEM CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY.

The Salem Quarterly Meeting Endeavorers met in their Quarterly Rally, on the Friday evening of Salem Quarterly Meeting, at South Salem, November 19.

The Highland orchestra, with Hazel Keeler Porter as Song leader and band master, aided much in the evening program by rendering a special number, as well as swelling the volume of the congregational singing.

After a precious season of prayer, the Scotts Mills quartet gave a special song.

In spite of the rain, which was falling in torrents that night, the societies were well represented as was evidenced by the response to the roll-call by societies.

The message of the evening was delivered by Edgar P. Sims, of Highland Church. He showed the importance of standing by the Word, as the only sure foundation. He cited quotations from many men, such as Dr. Howard Kelly, who still hold firmly to the Word.

The Endeavorers voiced their answer to this challenging message by singing in closing, "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still, We Will Be True to Thee Till Death."

The South Salem young people had planned a surprise for the Endeavorers by having a social get-together after the meeting. A delightful time was spent together in playing games and "consuming" refreshments. We feel that Salem Quarterly Meeting Endeavorers know each other better after worshipping, playing and eating together—sounds like Conference doesn't it?

We don't know whether the rally did it—but we heard a rumor that one of the Scotts Mills boys was "pulled" that night by a cop as he "sped" homeward. We trust that the rally was not to blame for his undue haste!

GROWING.

We are strong adherents to the belief in growth, not abnormal growth but a gradual steady growth. You know the slogan which Tacoma has is "Watch Tacoma Grow." Now that is a fine slogan and Tacoma has been living up to it. But, just let your optics survey the increase in proportion of "The Friendly Endeavor." In other words, "Watch 'The Friendly Endeavor' Grow!"

"The Friendly Endeavor" started as a four-page paper, grew to a six-page paper, and this year it is going to contain eight pages! We are adding a new feature which may make the paper appeal to old and young alike. This new feature is a Church Section. The Church and Christian Endeavor are co-operating to publish a paper of interest to all. It is hoped that this Church Section will be a means of unifying the meetings in Oregon Yearly Meeting and will serve as a means of communication.

Don't fail to read the report of the Minister's Conference in this issue of the paper, and please note the action of the Conference concerning "The Friendly Endeavor."

We will again support the paper by the quota method. This year, however, a quota will be assigned to the entire church instead of to the Christian Endeavor society only. After this first issue we expect to mail the papers to individual addresses.

All together now, let's push, and push hard to make the paper go over the top this coming year! Christian Endeavorers, we appeal to you to raise as much or more money for the paper than you did last year. The societies certainly responded nobly last year.

The quota list will be published in the next issue. When your pastor calls for the finances for the paper, we are counting on you to break your record of last year.

A Happy New Year to you all! May this year be the greatest year!

As a parting word, again we say, don't let "The Friendly Endeavor" suffer for need of your support.

WALTER P. LEE.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS FOR JANUARY

By BELL G. BADLEY

January 9, 1927.

Topic: "What Confession of Christ Includes. Romans 10:1-10; Luke 12:8-9.

"Whosoever shall acknowledge me to be the Messiah, and have his heart and life regulated by my spirit and doctrine, him will I confess. It is not sufficient merely to have the heart right before God; there must be a firm, manly and public confession of Christ before men."—Adam Clark.

Opportunity to Testify—(Acts 16:13-15.) Paul did not idly wait for opportunities to tell others of Jesus, but, led of God, he went out after them. Someone told you the story. "Turn about is fair play."

A maiden frightened Peter into a positive denial of his beloved Lord. So shocking was his cowardice, that it led him to profanity. But a few days later he stood before the Jewish high court and accused them of the murder of Jesus Christ. What made the difference? Pentecost. In that short interval his heart had been purified. (See Acts 15:9.) The cowardice had been burned out by holy fire. Now he was ready and anxious to testify.

"He said unto him, we have found the Christ." Here you have the topic for Christian conversation which will win men to Christ. It was Andrew who found his brother, Peter, and made this statement to him. It was natural for Andrew to go for Peter if he loved his brother. We sometimes marvel that people who are Christians can go so long without telling their relatives of the glories of Jesus and the marvels of his salvation. If they are not interested in the salvation of their own relatives and friends they most surely will not be interested in the salvation of others.

It is easy to show a professional interest; it is even easy for a preacher to preach and at the same time find it hard to talk to men personally about their souls. Beware that as a Christian worker you do not become professional. Any kind of talking is better than silence, but just talking will not win men to Christ. There is a pathos, a pity, a hunger, a passion for their souls which in itself is supernatural love. It cannot be human sympathy. This desire comes from prayer and mounts up in the heart and looks out of the eyes and blossoms on the lips in right words and confess right emotions.

Is it possible to either deny Christ or confess Him in the way we dress? Is it possible to deny Christ by merely keeping still? Is it possible to confess Christ or deny Him when we vote?

January 16, 1927.

Topic: How to Develop our Devotional Life. Psalms 40:1-8.

"My Jesus, I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine,
For Thee all the follies

Of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer,
My Saviour art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus, 'tis now."

Can we have real devotion without love? Let us make the foundation for our devotions "a heart made perfect in love toward God."

The first thing we think of in our devotional life is prayer and the next Bible study. These subjects have been given separate study during the past year's Christian Endeavor topics, but they are subjects which bear much repeating, and we may do well to look into them closely. We should be careful that our prayers are worshipful, that they contain expressions of love to God. How often our protestations of love to Him are only preambles of petition. How often we pass hurriedly over the "I love you" part and throw our whole souls into the "give me" part.

Bible study is most important to us if we develop our devotional life properly. We should memorize the Bible, not wholly but in part.

Christ Jesus, in the wilderness temptation, countered every suggestion of Satan with "It is written." (Matt. 4:1-7) The only weapon of offense recommended for the Christian in Ephesians 6 is the sword of the Spirit, "which is the Word of God."

So, if the Christian is to withstand all the attacks of the Evil One, he must know the promises and truths of the Word. The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psa. 118:11)

When sudden trials or temptations come, we may not have opportunity to search for some verse to lay hold on. It is those that are memorized and by the help of the Holy Spirit flash into our thoughts that strengthen our faith and defeat the enemy. For this reason any of the many memory tests which help to fix in our minds God's Word may be the means of real blessing.

Many good helps may now be had for systematic reading of the whole Bible, such as J. H. Smeeton's "Once a Year," Konitzky's "Daily Bible Readings," and "Scripture Portions for Daily Reading," published by the Scripture Union of London. Some of these accomplish the result in one year, others in two, and some in five. The simpler of these merely give the Scripture references for each day's reading. Some combine with the Scripture references comments by well-known Bible teachers and students. The value of such systematic reading cannot be overestimated.

January 23, 1927.

Topic: How Can We Train for Service? Acts 18:24-28; Luke 9:1-6, 10.

"One never knows
How far a word of kindness goes,
One never sees
How far a smile of friendship flees
Down through the years
The deed forgotten reappears."

—Edgar A. Guest.

Training in anything usually means long days of hard work. It seems to express "plodding," this word "training" and practice and patience. Perhaps the best way to train for service is to begin doing the little things in the most perfect way we know. Gradually the larger and more responsible tasks will be set for us to do.

In last week's lesson we said that love is the foundation for our devotional life, so again this week we will discover that love is the foundation for real service.

Love is not primarily the doing of deeds, but it is the power back of our feelings that results in deeds.

We will have to train ourselves in the proper use of our time if we render efficient service.

But, after all, our time and the things we can do in that time (our service) all belong to God. When we take all our time for self, we become wrapped up in self. And nothing kills real contentment, real fun and happiness, more quickly than selfishness. It may seem like a hardship to have to give up some cherished or looked-forward-to pleasure for the sake of doing God's work, but, after all, it is service.

And while service is not done for compensation, while it is done for its own sake alone, yet in God's kindness and balance of things there are always compensations. The person who lives for pleasure becomes soured inside. The one who gives up real pleasures for service, for the will of God, is sweetened inside and has lots more of the actual joy of life. Oh, that more people realized that! There would be more happy faces if there were more people who knew that the path of the greatest happiness is the straight and rugged path of service.

January 30, 1927.

Topic: How Show Loyalty to Our Church? Rom. 12:3-13. (Denominational Day.)

You could hardly be loyal to something you know nothing about. Know your church history. Know what the church is doing today. What are the tenets of the Friends Church? Why are you a Friend? If your father and mother joined another church because they did not believe in the doctrine of Friends, would you leave the Quaker Church too? Why would or why wouldn't you?

The power of any church's claims is measured by the way the truth it proclaims creates Christ-like lives. Water cannot rise above its own level, neither can a church rise above the level of the lives, faith and energy of its members. Every member should be loyal to his church.

Are we flattered or are we piqued when we read advertisements such as "Quaker Oats," "Quaker Furnaces," "Quaker Whiskey?"

The New Britain Herald is quoted as commencing, "A magazine writer says we need a new religion. But let's not do anything rash until we try the old one."

The message of the Gospel, Christ's death for sinners, his burial, his resurrection and ascension, with which the early Christian Church was entrusted, was a complete message to which nothing need be or can be added. This message was the foundation and substance of the teaching of the early Church. (Acts 2:23, 24, 32, 33; 1 Cor. 15:1-8).

As the years passed and the Church grew and spread, a condition arose, not through the incompleteness or failure of the message, but through failure of the Church herself to hold fast to the old faith, that called for a re-emphasis of the truth as already known by the Church and set forth in the Bible.

So Martin Luther was raised up to sound forth in clarion tones the restatement of justification by faith. It found ready response in the hearts of many believers, and the great Protestant movement began, not to formulate a new religion, but to draw men back to the faith "once delivered to the saints."

Later, when frivolity and excess in dress and in manner of living threatened man's spiritual progress, the Friends came forward with their plain and simple costumes and their belief in the Word of God, to check the evil.

Still later, when worldliness and sin had well-nigh taken possession of the Church of England, John Wesley and his followers stepped forth to turn men's thoughts back to the Bible and to God.

So it has often been. It is true that some denominations have been founded in error and untruth, but whenever the Church has been unfaithful to her trust, God in His mercy and love has raised up those who have sounded afresh some needed truth of His Word. A group of like-minded followers has formed around these men and they have become known to the world by some name that gradually has come to stand for a new denomination.

February 6, 1927.

Topic: Interdenominational Fellowship Through Christian Endeavor. Eph. 4:1-6. (Christian Endeavor Day.)

Christian Endeavor stands for loyalty to one's own denomination, as we studied last week, but it also stands for fellowship in and love for the whole army of God. The Church is the Body of Christ. It is important for us to remember that no one religious denomination can claim to be the Body of Christ. His church is made up of all true believers. So when Endeavorers in a town or city unite in an evangelistic effort, they find that in the main, their aims are one, and fellowship between the churches grows. United work among the different societies fosters fellowship in the respective Churches. Revival meetings may be held together, or in small places. A Community clean-up week would tend to get everybody together. Red Cross work might do the same.

We have tried exchanging leaders in our own Quarterly Meetings; how would it be to try exchanging leaders with the other denominations of your town?

"Since there is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
It hardly behooves any of us,
To speak ill of the rest of us."

Arguing will not be conducive to fellowship. So it is wise for Christian Endeavor members to keep away from subjects upon which their denominations do not agree, unless they are very sure they can maintain sweet spirits and friendly feelings.

To the early Church, represented by the disciples, Christ Jesus as he was leaving this earth, gave but one commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). And although today the evangelical church has a far more elaborate program than had the early church, her objective, if she is true to

her trust, will still be to carry the Gospel to all the world.

So the most important part that our church can assign to us as young people is to tell other young folks the good news of what Christ has done for us.

SOCIETY NOTES

GREENLEAF.

A three-weeks series of meetings conducted by Miss Bachelor and Miss Springer, closed Sunday, December 5th. The value of these meetings cannot be estimated. Lasting benefits were received from them. Sinners were converted, believers sanctified, and backsliders reclaimed. The power of old time conviction was upon us, and the Spirit manifested Himself in our midst. Others yet remain outside the fold. Help us pray that they too may find the needed blessing ere it is too late.

The regular Christian Endeavor business meeting and social was held at the Hinshaw home, Friday evening, December 10th. All joined in a good old taffy pull after the business meeting.

Mr. Choate, with other Idaho pastors, attended the Ministerial Conference in Portland, last week.

The young people of Greenleaf are going to give the pageant, "The Crossroads," on Friday, December 17th. This pageant is the result of the efforts of Dilla Tucker and a few of her friends. It has been successfully given in other places, and we feel it will be a success at this Christmas season.

Greenleaf Academy will also give its program, the following Monday evening, in which every student will have a part. The program will consist of choruses, quartets, trios, readings and the story of the Three Wise Men.

STAR.

The brain of the Star correspondent failed to function at the proper time to get the items written last month, but here we are again.

Two months ago we promised some news about our prospective pastors. Thomas K. and Lulu Mathews and little daughter, Reba, of Bur Oak, Kansas, arrived here the latter part of October. Brother Mathews is certainly preaching the truth without fear or favor, but with tenderness and love for lost souls. Several have been blessed at the regular services and our hearts are rejoiced to know that prayers are being answered. The Mathews are both splendid workers, and we are thankful for them.

Two of our elderly members have been quite sick. They are: Grandma Roberts, one of our faithful Endeavorers, although past eighty and Lina Pickard. We miss them both from our services.

Our revival meetings began December 12th, with Inez Bachelor and Nettie Springer as evangelists. We are hoping and praying for an old-time revival here.

Laura Roberts returned home a few weeks ago from Newberg, Oregon, where she visited her daughter, Ardis Mitchner, and also helped care for the new little granddaughter, Jean Ardis.

Brother Mathews and J. W. Jones were privileged to attend the joint meeting of the Evangelistic Board and Ministerial Association, at Portland. They report splendid services.

Beulah Beeson had the misfortune of severely spraining her ankle, which has handicapped her attendance at classes at N. N. C.

A new Sunday School class has been organized, and they have chosen as their class name, Excelsior. It includes those above High School age and the "newlyweds." Arthur Hadley has been chosen for their teacher.

The Berean Sunday School Class invited the rest of the Church members to the parsonage, a few weeks ago for a social evening together. Provisions, such as sugar, flower and fruit were gladly brought in. This part of the evening's program proved a surprise to the pastor and family. The evening was spent in playing games and getting acquainted.

Raymond Jones and family, of Twin Falls, spent Thanksgiving week with relatives and friends here.

Five autos carried the Star delegation to Quarterly Meeting, at Melba, the last of November. They reported the services as having proved very helpful with blessing and fellowship and many hearts were encouraged as plans were discussed for extension work in this Quarter.

CAROL HESTON,
Middleton, Idaho.

NEWBERG.

Christmas is almost here and everybody is busy telling what they want Santa to bring them, and all are buying a few presents in their spare time.

Even with all this hurry and scurry the young folks of Pacific College are finding time to carry the call of Christ to those who are indifferent about their lives. The Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association, of the College have been organizing some deputation teams, who go about the community preaching the gospel and trying in every way possible to bring especially young people to Christ. At a recent meeting held in the Nazarene Church, of Newberg, six young people were saved, and several others were put to serious thinking.

The Hull's number of the Lyceum course which is put on every year by Pacific College, was held this month and everyone present witnessed some real home talent. Professor Hull himself, was the main character of the evening, singing several short songs of various kinds, and also giving two readings which were worth listening to.

Many of the students of the College are planning to go home for their Christmas vacations. The Endeavor meetings for two Sundays during this time will seem rather small in number after being used to the students from other places taking so active a part in the Endeavor work, but maybe we will just appreciate them all the more when they get back again.

Those interested in Pacific College gathered at the local Legion Hall, on Friday, December 10th, to raise the money to keep Pacific a standard college for this year. The money was almost all subscribed, and the remainder is being raised by soliciting now. This means Pacific is still a standard college.

Newberg wishes to all the Endeavor societies of Oregon Yearly Meeting, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
HAROLD SMITH.

SPRINGBROOK.

The Christian Endeavor had a social at Thanksgiving time. It was in the form of a covered dish party. If you do not know what fun is, just try having one sometime. After the supper, a number of games were played before the young people went home.

One evening, a carload of young people went to Sherwood, where revival meetings are being held. The meeting was well attended and much good has been accomplished.

Several students were home from school for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. Potter gave the message Thanksgiving morning, and special music was furnished by a women's quartet.

Sunday evening, November 28, the deputation band of the college had charge of the evening services in Newberg. Three of our members were present and helped in the service.

For the past few weeks we have had a study class on "Stewardship," which has proven very interesting and helpful.

On the evening of December 5, Mr. Gregg spoke on how we got the Bible. He pictured vividly the suffering and bloodshed some endured for it. His illustrations added much interest to old and young.

The County Cabinet meeting was held at Carlton, Oregon. Three from our society attending.

FIRST FRIENDS.

We hear that in a certain home in Sunnyside, on Thanksgiving Day, there was much surprise and gay laughter floating about, and that a certain young couple are very, very happy. Their secret is at last known and—well anyhow, through the columns of this paper, we wish to Gladys and Walter, all possible joy and happiness.

Our Thanksgiving lesson was led by Gerald Morrison. The questions were written on slips which had Thanksgiving stickers on them. We had a very interesting meeting.

The local churches of the Sunnyside district united in a Thanksgiving service in our own Church. Mr. Smith, of the United Presbyterian Church, spoke.

The deputation team from Pacific College had charge of our evening service recently. The special music by the mixed quartet and Men's quartet was thoroughly enjoyed. Ralph Hester led the devotions and Marie Hester and Merlin Brown spoke. Their messages and testimonies were a blessing to many.

PIEDMONT.

Piedmont has been enjoying many feasts lately, both socially and spiritually.

It was Wednesday, it was the night before Thanksgiving, and it was RAINING, not little rain, but grown-up rain, as the Social Committee met at the Morford home and divided the generous gifts of their fellow members among the five baskets for the needy. The baskets were filled to overflowing, and we know that five homes at least were made happier on Thursday by the Endeavorers' willingness to share with those less fortunate. We especially want to say "Thank You" to Walter Lee and Walter Balitho, for without their willing assistance and co-operation, the work could never have been accomplished.

On Thanksgiving Day, we had a Thanksgiving service. Dr. Goode gave the message in which we could scent the roasted turkey, pumpkin pies and grandmother's home-made cookies, also our attention was drawn to the privileges that we, as citizens of the United States, are enjoying in comparison with other countries of the world.

On November 27, our monthly business meeting and social was held at the home of Frances Jantzen.

On December 3, the chorus of the North Pacific Evangelistic Institute gave a delightful Thanksgiving concert. Each one who was present received a blessing, both from the music and the words.

On the morning of December 5, Lois Cope, a returned missionary from Africa, took us on an imaginary journey to Africa, which lasted through the Sunday School and morning worship. During the first part of our trip we saw interesting curios, which made us feel more acquainted with those needy people. As we neared our journey's end, we realized the great need of missionaries to go to that darkened land. We are sure that her visit will never be forgotten.

In our Christian Endeavor, Mrs. E. Ward, a teacher of North Pacific Evangelistic Institute, took charge of our consecration service. We realized the true meaning of a consecrated life.

At the evening service, Dr. Goode spoke on the significance of the star of Bethlehem.

In concluding, we must say that December 5 was the high water mark for Piedmont.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us!"
—Burns.

A Conference on Mars, of delegates sent from that planet to the Earth for the purpose of investigating the festival or holiday called Christmas. There is some thought of adopting the holiday if it seems practical.

Hector: Gentlemen, I see that most of us were sent to the far away planet, the Earth, on the mission of investigation have returned. It has been a great trip and I am sure we have many things to say. What have you to say, Achilles?

Achilles: Well, I am sure that I had a very interesting time on the Earth. I couldn't begin to tell you all the impressions concerning that planet. The inhabitants are a queer people. I find one thing that is quite complementary to us. They have wholly adopted the principles of our great founder, Mars. They are really becoming rather proficient in the art of warfare.

Lief: Yes, I thought that spoke well for us. It would be a courtesy if we in turn could adopt some of their principles or customs. However, I wouldn't favor the adoption of anything that isn't practical.

Hector: I am sure you men all have startling experiences to recount, but let's get down to business and consider this festival that the Earthians call Christmas, for that was to be the real object of our investigations. Now, Romulus, what did you find concerning that?

Romulus: I studied it very carefully and as best I could discover, it is merely

a scheme of the merchants to increase their sales. It is certainly a clever trick that they have played on the public. Why, they have duped the people into thinking that they ought to exchange gifts with one another on the 25th of December. The merchants have great sales and the people flock to the stores and crowd and push in their frenzy to buy goods. Why, I got in one of those jams once and I actually thought I would never escape with my life. Anyway the merchants sell enormous quantities of goods.

Alaric: Aw, that would never work here. You couldn't fool our people with such stuff as that.

Achilles: No, our people are too wise to be duped in that manner. If that's all that the festival does, we wouldn't be interested in the adoption of it at all.

Hector: Well, Lief, what did you think of it?

Lief: What Romulus said is undoubtedly true, but I studied it from a different angle. I found, as Romulus says, that it was a time of exchange of gifts. It seems, however, that the custom has arisen from some old tradition. I couldn't find out what this tradition was though. The main idea is the exchange of gifts. Each person gives to those from whom he expects to receive something of equal or greater value. They seem to vie with each other in giving gifts. Why, if one fails to receive a gift from someone to whom he has given, he calls this person who failed to send a gift, a "tight wad" and a "cheap skate." There is certainly a lot of hard feeling created by it. Personally I see no value in the festival. The mere exchange of gifts of equal value is foolishness. There isn't a thing gained.

Achilles: No, I see no gain in that. Any man can buy what he wants without going to all that trouble.

Romulus: Our people wouldn't care for any such tomfoolery as that. If that's what this festival amounts to, I am opposed to it.

Hector: Well, Achilles, what did you discover?

Achilles: My discoveries were along the same line as those of Lief. But, I did find that various individuals and organizations gave to the poor. I was at a loss to understand this for awhile, but I finally saw through it. Just as soon as these persons or organizations give a few dollars or gifts to the poor, they inform the news papers and the donors are given much notoriety. The whole thing is an attempt of these donors to gain prominence, so they have chosen the 25th of December to attain their ends. It is purely a selfish proposition. I really see nothing to it.

Alaric: It's a funny thing, I wonder if those to whom the gifts are given are poor only one day in the year?

Hector: So far these reports have not been very favorable. What information can you give Alaric?

Alaric: I discovered that the Earthians have big celebrations on this holiday. I went into one of the large temples, I guess they call them churches, and there a lot of little children put on a program. Afterwards the kiddies were given candy and presents. I heard someone say that it was somebody's birthday. I—

Achilles (interrupting) Yes, I think they call him Santa Claus.

Alaric (continuing) I believe that was his name. He was there too. A large,

white haired fellow with a long white beard. He was all dressed up in red clothes. There must have been a lot of them born on that day for I saw twenty or thirty of them. I don't think that such a festival would be of any use here. We haven't any Santa Claus here who was born then.

Hector: Well, gentlemen, you have heard the reports, what—Oh, ho— here comes Paris. He must have had a hard trip.

Paris: I haven't heard your reports, but I will tell you what I have discovered. While walking along a street in one of the large cities on the Earth, I chanced to stop into a small building where some sort of a program was being presented. It was a Christmas celebration. They sang songs about some man whose birthday they were celebrating.

Achilles (interrupting) That was Santa Claus.

Paris (continuing) No, they called him Jesus Christ. He must have been a very good man. They read a passage from a book, and I had never heard anything like it before. It was such a strange passage that I wrote it down (pulls paper from pocket) here it is, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." I don't know what that word love means, but it must be something good. These people said that this man gave his life for them and they appreciated it so that they celebrated his birthday and give gifts of love to those around them. It was different from anything I had heard before. I am afraid it isn't practical though, because the idea didn't seem to be at all popular. Why, the people on the street didn't even know who this man was. I guess they had never heard of him. I don't suppose we ought to adopt the celebration on this ground until the idea becomes more popular on earth. Still, I would like to know more about this man. He was so different.

Hector: The reports are all before us. What is the verdict?

Lief: I move we pass this holiday by for the time being. The reports, as a whole, do not justify the adoption of Christmas on Mars.

Romulus: I second the motion.

Hector: You have heard the motion. Those in favor dignify by saying "aye."

All: Aye, Aye.

Hector: Those opposed, signify by the same sign.

Silence.

Hector: Since the business is transacted, we are adjourned. Now for a friendly chat about our experiences.

WALTER P. LEE.

FOR JUNIORS

"If I knew the box where smiles were kept,

No matter how large the key,
Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard,
It would open I know for me.

Then over the land and sea broadcast,
That children's faces might hold them fast
Many and many a day.

If I knew a box that was large enough
To hold all the frowns I meet,
I should like to gather them, every one,
From nursery, school and street;

Then holding, and folding, I'd pack them in,

And turning the monster key
I'd hire a giant to drop the box
Into the depths of the sea."

MOTHER'S BILL.

A ten year old boy overheard a conversation about certain bills for services rendered which had to be paid, and conceived the idea of making out a bill for what work he had done. So the next morning he laid his statement of account on his mother's breakfast plate: "Mother owes Willie for carrying coal six times, twenty cents; for bringing water lots of times, thirty cents; for going ten errands, fifteen cents; for being good twice, ten cents; total, seventy-five cents."

His mother read the bill but said nothing about it. That evening Willie found on his plate the seventy-five cents and also another bill which read as follows: "Willie owes mother for his happy home for ten years, nothing; for his food and clothing, nothing; for nursing him in a long illness, nothing; for being good to him, nothing; total, nothing."

When Willie saw the seventy-five cents he was pleased, but when he read his mother's bill his eyes grew dim and his lips quivered. Then he took the money to his mother, threw his arms about her neck, and begged that she would let him do lots of things for her. Mother's bill is rarely presented, but it will pay each child to think it out and over for himself and then pay it—in loving obedience.

THE WORST OF IT.

"Do you want some berries, ma'am,?" said a little boy to a lady one day.

The lady told him that she would like some, and taking the pail from him, she stepped into the house. He did not follow but remained behind, whistling to some canaries hanging in their cages on the side of the house.

"Why do you not come in and see if I measure your berries right,?" said the lady, "How do you know but I may cheat you?"

"I am not afraid, ma'am; you would get the worst of it."

"Get the worst of it,?" said she, "What do you mean?"

"Why ma'am, I should only lose my berries, and you would be stealing. Don't you think you would get the worst of it?"

SOWING SEEDS.

Mabel dropped a few flower seeds into the ground, and the little leaves soon began to peep up and grow; they liked the air and sunshine so well that they were big in a month or two. Then came buds and beautiful flowers. And the flowers blossomed all summer long, and the old ladies over the way, had a bunch of flowers to bring to their rooms every day.

Mabel's mother kept dropping kind word-seeds into everybody's heart. Mabel watched these seeds grow. They blossomed into comfort and love and bright faces and smiles and thanks.

"I'll plant kind word-seeds too," said Mabel, "I think the flowers are lovely!"
—Selected.

THE VALUE OF THE POWER OF AMBITION.

We understand ambition in the sense of a proper seeking for preferment, power, or attainment. The value and power of ambition is limitless. The interest which will accrue depends entirely upon the investment in capital. If I desire the mastery of a foreign language, the amount of ambition with which I apply myself will be the guarantee of success or failure. I believe a world of power and attainment lies before each of us through the common door of ambition.

I see a value in this noble effort of seeking earnestly and continuously for the best things which makes for character building. Aside from the personal benefits derived, desires to attain will be set in motion in other lives.

The power of ambition lies in the fact that a vision, a goal, a desired end possesses us, which holds us from deviating in the pursuit of that end. The direct influence is good, for all choices will be made to bend to this ultimate end. These choices and ideals are freighted with wholesome influence on others—the extent and power of which only God knows.

Let us seek eagerly the best with an eye, single to God's glory, and may the light of His countenance sanction every desire and pursuit and may He find us true stewards of this God-given ability.
HAZEL KEELER PORTER.

OPPORTUNITIES OPEN IN GOD'S SERVICE.

Christians with ambitions are the need of the church today. On every hand we find doors opened or waiting the touch of some hand to push them ajar and so open a field of service.

What are some of these opportunities? Personal work is a door that waits the touch of a hand at many a turn to open a large and productive field of rich opportunities and possibilities. Who can tell the number of souls that have been brought into the kingdom of God through some word spoken or line written by you or another at some inconspicuous moment?

There is a need of Christian business men and women in the service of the church and its interests. Dost thou crave distinction in business circles and yet remains a call insistent to make your life count for the service of God? Seek out that place where you can use your business ability to the glory of God and the advancement of the interests of His kingdom on earth.

What vast fields lie before the person who has been called to preach the Word! Many a town and village of the great Northwest has never had the gospel in all its fullness preached within its gates. What a challenge it is to us as representatives of a church that preaches not only repentance but the baptism of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying power that gives stability to the Christian life and faith!

Did you say "ambition?" That's what it takes to accomplish things in the interests of God's kingdom on earth. Ambition will never function unless given encouragement by exercise. If you have ambitions to accomplish things in God's service, begin now to exercise your ambitions.
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Truth and error are antipodes, therefore in the very nature of the case there can be no common ground. They must remain absolutely distinct in their lines of differentiation as long as God is God and Satan is Satan. Truth is of the very essence of God, an integral part of His nature; untruth proceeds from Satan the father of lies and is therefore the expression of his personality.

The conflict between the two has been on since Satan rebelled against God and will continue until he is forever confined in the region of the eternal damned. Throughout the existence of the human race men have been taking sides, for and against God, and in so doing have been taking sides against or for Satan. The determining factor in this battle has been the word of God, for by this alone do we recognize truth as distinguished from error. But from the beginning, Satan has asserted that what God has said is not true and that men can safely take courses which God condemns.

Thus from men's attitude toward the revealed will of God, have arisen the terms belief and unbelief as expressive of acceptance on the one hand or rejection on the other of that revelation. Thus it has been and ever will be. No hocus-pocus in the misuse of words can serve to alter these essential and basic facts. Man is either a reverent believer of the Word, or he is an unbeliever and rejecter.

Between these two there is a great gulf fixed with lines of demarcation so clearly fixed that no one is self-deceived, neither can he successfully deceive anyone who knows the truth as it is in Jesus. Because of the clearness of these lines of cleavage, men have been compelled to take positions for or against the truth. Terms have changed somewhat from time to time but in general orthodoxy, or heterodoxy, have been used to express these distinctions. By some, the terms fundamentalist and modernist have been employed, but there are some excellent reasons for the employment of the older terms. The gulf between the two lines is constantly widening and compromise is an absolute impossibility.

We desire to assure the Friends of Oregon Yearly Meeting, and all readers of this column assigned to the contributing editor of this paper, that the policy followed will be that of unswerving loyalty to the Word of God. Orthodoxy will be unhesitatingly supported and the efforts of believers to promote and forward the cause of truth and righteousness in both the home and foreign field will be given every possible aid. As best wisdom may direct, the insidious undermining of God's Word by the exponents of heterodoxy will be exposed and opposed, kindly and lovingly,

but nevertheless faithfully as the interests of truth may demand.

But why this position? Why contend for the faith? Why go to the trouble to oppose those who deny it? Why not take the line of least resistance? We will tell you why. It is because it is a matter of life and death, this conflict in which we are engaged. Souls will be saved if we stand true; souls will be lost if we fail.

The Gospel is the means of man's salvation. There is no other way. If we fail, its mission will not be fully accomplished. It needs us all and all there is of us, if it is to accomplish its mission.

The Gospel is so glorious, marvelous, efficacious, far reaching, that we must not fail it, nor God who gave it, nor His Son who bought it by the sacrifice of Himself, nor the Holy Spirit who is in the world to make it a living reality in the hearts and lives of men. To this task of the most far reaching promulgation of this Gospel, we pledge ourselves to the utmost of our ability under God and by His grace.

OUR OPPORTUNITY.

Oregon Yearly Meeting has a great opportunity in the field which is hers by providential arrangement. Oregon, Washington and Idaho—a vast territory, potential with present and future advantages for aggressive extension work. The prevailing purpose in the publication of this paper is the cementing of the body with a view to the accomplishment of the great task which lies to our hand. We need an adequate sense of our opportunity and an appreciation of the fact that we can, under the Divine call and with the Divine equipment, perform this task.

There is a tendency in some minds to fear that the territory may be over-churches, but this we believe arises from a misconception. Where the spiritual needs of the people are not being supplied, there is a need and an opportunity. It is not a question of the number of churches, but rather of Gospel ministrations. It is quite possible to have in a given community more churches than would be called for if population alone is considered, and yet there be a real dearth of the Gospel because the churches have forsaken their God-given task and are devoting their energies to less important matters. The commandment is given to the church to preach the Gospel to saint and sinner, to feed the flock of God and to promote the interests of His Kingdom.

Whenever there is such a need and God opens the door for us, then we should go with the message. If we are untrue to this trust we are unworthy of a place in the plan and purpose of God for and through his church.

Two requisites enter into the problem, men and money. Of the first we have more than are being given opportunities for service. In fact we are losing well-equipped, valuable workers from time to time because we do not co-operate with them by making it possible for them to enter a field of service in our own territory and under our own direction. We let them go from us through lack of appreciation of their real worth and a

failure to recognize that which God has bestowed in gifts and callings.

The second matter mentioned is one of far greater difficulty and one that must have careful study from every angle if we are to succeed in our work. At the recent ministerial conference, a committee was appointed to give this matter especial study, and we are trusting that some definite plans may be worked out on these lines.

There are two observations that merit careful consideration. Both have to do with vision. The first concerns the workers. Has God called? Then have you caught the vision which follows such a call? If you have, there will come such an impelling to go forward as cannot be resisted. You must go, faith will leap over obstacles, ways will be found because they must be. It will be an irresistible, compelling force that knows no circumvention. The other observation is in relation to the responsibility of the church, especially regarding finance. Here we have a great problem, and carefulness in approach must characterize every move. Extremes of demand will destroy and make impossible successful appeals. We must study carefully the situation, keeping in mind the rather limited resources of our people. All of our various lines of work should be given wise consideration, and the importance of each in relation to the others impartially weighed. Then we are in a position to select the lines of service which will contribute the most effectively to the glory of God and the advance of his cause and truth.

Shall we not give ourselves to prayer and meditation that we may see clearly the path before us and then "go forward" in the light of God?

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF OREGON YEARLY MEETING.

The Ministerial Association held their annual Conference at the Second Friends Church, Portland, Oregon, December 7-9, 1926.

A very good delegation was present from over the Yearly Meeting; the Quarterly Meetings in Washington and Idaho were well represented; three pastors and others from each.

The Conference enjoyed meeting with the Lents Friends in their beautiful new church, which is commodious and conveniently arranged to care for, not only the home work, but larger gatherings as well.

The Conference sermon was given Tuesday evening, the first session, by Edward Mott, President of North Pacific Evangelistic Institute, and was stirring in its earnestness and appeal. He said in part: "There is much pressure being brought to bear in these days for the unification of the various faiths, and the argument is given that the country is over-churches. It is not a matter, however, of how many churches, but how well are the churches ministering to the spiritual conditions of the community. We need the Divine Light as much as Paul or as much as George Fox needed it. In the light of God we discover the holiness of God and the sinfulness of self, and are made to cry out, 'Woe is me, for I am undone, for I am a

sinful man,' but the baptism of the Holy Ghost will purify the heart and clarify the vision. There are many counterfeits, and the Devil will make us fear to press the truth because of these, but in spite of all this there is the genuine and real."

He emphasized the present demand for spiritual service in view of the needy fields about us, and made an earnest appeal for a ministry, faithful to the truth committee to us.

The topic considered in the devotional periods was that of "To serve the present age," "In my preaching," "In my prayer," "In my practice," "In my consecration."

The several papers read and addresses given all presented subjects of vital interest to the church. Space forbids giving these in detail.

The subject, "Is Evolution Presented Fairly in Schools Advocating that Theory," was given by Bernard Mott. The paper showed much thought and knowledge of the subject in hand, and was of real merit. From observation and also from personal experience the speaker has become convinced that the theory of Evolution is not fairly presented in the schools, as the instructors almost invariably present the argument for the theory and do not give the other side; hence, the student has only one view and no alternative.

In his address, "Is Old Time Evangelism Antiquated," Calvin R. Choate gave, in his usual forceful and gripping way, the means and methods and results of Old Time Evangelism. The preaching, with the power of God sent down from heaven, of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ resulted in the awakening, and salvation of sinners and the quickening of the church. He declared the same message and means would produce like results today.

F. J. Cope presented "The Sermon or the Message, Which?" from a real concern on his heart that there be no compromise with the truth. "The preaching that I bid thee" must be given; Jesus Christ and Him crucified is the message for the hour.

"Church Extension—Our Field" and "The need of Full Co-operation by Every Pastor," were subjects brought before us. Oliver Weesner in a carefully prepared paper presented the need of full co-operation in this very important work, also gave some necessary qualifications for successful service as being a clear, definite conversion followed by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and also His constant and continuous presence and leadership.

The message of Rev. Chester P. Gates, on the subject of "The Church and World Events in the Light of Prophecy," was masterly, both in its content and force, showing the exact fulfillment of Scripture in the rapidly moving panorama of world events which is now passing before our very eyes. The shifting of national lines and leadership, as well as ecclesiastical conditions of skepticism and uncertainty portend the near closing of this present age. He urged a closer unity and co-operation of God's people of every name, that in the present world crisis we might be a united force for righteousness and against the powers of darkness.

The paper on "Friends Position on the Ordinances," by C. I. Whitlock, was very clear and helpful.

The presence of a number of our young people added much to the pleasure and inspiration of the Conference. Quite a group were present from Pacific College, who had been excused by President Pennington, from regular class work, so they might attend.

Several matters of business came up, some very important and of general interest to the entire Yearly Meeting, both young and old. Walter Lee presented a matter of concern in regard to the publication of a Yearly Meeting paper. He proposed that the older members of the Yearly Meeting unite with the Christian Endeavor, enlarging the "Friendly Endeavor," the Young People continuing their interest and responsibility as before, and the Church assuming the responsibility for the other part, thus giving an opportunity for publication of matters of importance and also general news items. The matter was left in the hands of a committee to consider and act according to their best judgment. We understand they decided in favor of the proposition.

The Conference was marked throughout by the presence of God and a spirit of Christian fellowship, and we feel that all who had the privilege of attending, enjoyed the inspiration and blessing.

IDA J. LEE, Secretary.

REVIVAL MEETING AT SCOTTS MILLS.

The revival meeting began at Scotts Mills Friends Church, December 1, with Rev. Edmund T. Campbell as evangelist. There was an audience of more than forty people the first night. Almost the entire resident membership has been faithful to attend the services. Sickness has prevented some.

The preaching has been of a nature to stir and encourage every Christian heart and to convict sinners. Some of our young people have been renewed, some sanctified. All seem to be clear in their experience now for which we thank God and take courage. A few have found Jesus for the first time. The entire Church has been greatly helped and encouraged to go on. Ten different persons have been at the altar thus far and we are expecting greater things to follow.

Brother Campbell is a fearless preacher of the gospel of full salvation.

WM. E. ALLEN, Pastor.

These meetings closed on December 19.

THE HIDDEN HEARTACHE.

How little we know about our fellow men, and how little they know about us! The smile may play upon the face when the heart is near to breaking. The hidden heartache of which the poets speak is very common. Few men or women live a long life that there does not come an abiding sorrow. We live with these sorrows until they become familiar; and, like familiar friends, we may sometimes leave them and go visiting into the fields of laughter and of song, but at eventide we are back again with our sorrow.

The character of these hidden sorrows varies with each individual. Sometimes it is the memory of a broken home. Sometimes it is the memory of a broken friendship. Sometimes it is the loss of the heart's love beneath the flowers in the garden of the dead. Sometimes it is the memory of the results of an evil life.

Sometimes it is the bitter word that stings more with the years. Oh, there are countless aches to the countless millions of men! Humanity has not yet sung a song that has not held a minor chord. The weary-hearted, the broken-hearted, sit beside the rivers as Israel at Babylon, and can not sing because memory has driven song out of their lives.

The hidden sorrow of our hearts ought to make us very tender with others. We are partners in the valleys of pain. The word ought to be soft, since we may open again the wound that has not healed. A fellow feeling ought to make us wondrous kind.

But the hidden sorrows of life make religion more real and the need of God more felt. There is a chastened joy in the faith that tells of a "land that is fairer than day," a "home of the soul," where no sorrow comes, and where the song of life is never lost. But religion has a meaning to us here that soothes the burned spirit. God as heartease for hidden griefs. He knows how to minister to spirits in pain. And He is a very present help in trouble. The soul in its sorrows has a desperate need of God, and then we come into such fellowship with Him that our love is ecstasy.

—Selected.

GOD'S VIEW OF AMBITION.

God created mankind with the power of an endless life. This life which we are now living is only a beginning of that which shall grow and expand throughout countless ages. The only condition is that we choose to let God have His way in our hearts.

The emotion of ambition which often makes us feel as if we could do everything, is God-given. Of course, we are to keep those feelings subject to God's leading, for only by so doing can we accomplish things for Him.

God does not want ambitionless followers, servants who do only those things they must do in order to retain their position. God wants men, and He wants women of life, vigor, aspiration and ambition. He wants those who will not quail when the test is given. He wants those to whom He can give a vision of a need and they will be eager to undertake the task in His name and strength.

The standard of Christian living which God sets up in His Word is a challenge to ambition of every person, young and old.

God expects it of us! He has made the provision for us. Let's measure up!

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"Do not worry too much about accomplishing great things. Do your best in the place where you are—make yourself of use to those whom you are with—and the greater things will come of themselves."

EDITORIAL.

The coming year is to be a year of greater things for "The Friendly Endeavor." The addition of a Church Section means an added attraction for both the older church members and those who are in the Endeavor societies.

The Christian Endeavorers will be greatly benefited by coming into closer touch with the church, for Endeavorers, we expect you to read the Church Section as well as the part which is peculiarly our own. The messages which the Church may have printed here are for you also.

We also hope the older members will read the whole paper, not just the part headed "Church Section," for the material will be more or less blended.

By thus co-operating, "The Friendly Endeavor" will become a welcome member in the homes of Oregon Yearly Meeting.

But the success of the paper is not an end in itself. The paper is only a means to an end. That result which it desires, is greater fellowship and efficiency in Oregon Yearly Meeting in proclaiming the gospel message, which "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

As each new year approaches we are radiant with expectancy. We see great possibilities. In reviewing the year just finished we see both our successes and failures. The new year looks clear and inviting. Nothing has marred its days. We step into the first moment of it with the determination that we shall weigh the opportunities of each day carefully and make a success of every one.

A GENTLE REMINDER.

Do you remember that at Conference last summer, \$500 were pledged for the improvement of the Conference grounds?

Do you remember that the pledges were to be paid before May 1, 1927?

Do you remember that you pledged some money?

Now!

Do you know that the improvements must be made very soon if we are to get as much done as we would like before next Conference?

Do you know that several men have volunteered to give their services in helping to improve the grounds?

Do you know that we really ought to feed those men while they are at Twin Rocks?

Do you know that we are waiting for your money, so that we can send them over there?

Do you know that these men will have to do the work now before the spring farm work begins, if they do it at all?

Finally—

Do you think you can pay part or all of your pledge now, so that work on the Conference grounds may be started at once?

Please send your money to Worth Coulson, Scotts Mills, Oregon. Thank you. We appreciate your interest.

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not." Isa. 58:11.

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