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THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me," saith the Scripture. The ear of the Lord is pleased with the praise of His children. He is delighted to bless those who recognize the source of their good gifts and give thanks.

The special Thanksgiving Day is set apart that people might praise the Creator for the harvests of the Fall, thus recognizing that "Every good and perfect gift is from above," from the Father who knows every detail of need in our lives. Heartfelt thanks should always be given unto the Lord for the provision of our needs. Anything beyond these needs are luxuries which the Lord heaps upon His people. Many live in the realm of luxury and yet are complaining because they do not have more. God forbid that His children should do that!

Home, with its provisions of food, clothing and shelter, is one of the great blessings of life. The love found there sweetens all the bitter experiences of life and increases the richness of joy. Country is another blessing for which thanks is due unto God. Praise for the principles of the present President, praise for the protection of God, praise that the western states in which our Yearly Meeting is has not met any great disaster, and praise for freedom of worship, surely should fill the soul of everyone.

The blessedness of friendship, with its joys and obligations, is a delightful plan of God for the enjoyment and development of the human race. Let no one forget to thank God for friends.

That America is a country of opportunities is a joyous fact. There exists a challenge to the best in the youth of the land in nearly every field of service, and with the challenge an opportunity to meet it, if the young man or woman is willing to work. Every young person should thank God that he has a chance to be what he desires.

Even though life brings sorrows as well as joys, yet God is to be praised for the experiences of life. As they are accepted from God they help build character and may always be used as a higher rung on the ladder from earth to heaven. Let no one complain of life experiences but use them for advantage rather than disadvantage.

The crowning blessing, which is the secret of joy in all others, is that of personal vital relationship to Jesus Christ as an Elder Brother. Citizenship in heaven causes a clear correct vision of earthly conditions and experiences, and thanksgiving to God for all His dealings becomes a habit of life.

DID YOU PAY,

The Friendly Endeavor wishes to express its appreciation for the response to its call for funds from some of the societies. There are evidently some who want the Friendly Endeavor. However, with but two months left of this year, we still lack \$87.95 of raising the quota. Frankly, the quota is set just as low as we can set it and keep going,

so if some society fails in its share, you can see that we are placed in a tight situation.

Has your society done its share or is someone else paying your bills?

Society	Quota	Paid
First Friends	\$35.00	\$10.00
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Second Friends	15.00	15.00
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Melba	5.00	5.00
Rosedale	5.00	2.50
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Tacoma	10.00	5.00
Entiat	8.00	8.00
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Scotts Mills	12.00	9.00
Bethany (Seattle)	5.00	
Total	220.00	141.05

THANKSGIVING.

For the days when nothing happens.

For the cares that leave no trace,

For the love of little children,

For each sunny dwelling place,

For the altars of our fathers,

And the closets where we pray,

Take, O gracious God and Father,

Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

For our harvests safe ingathered,

For our golden store of wheat,

For the bowers and the vinelands,

For the flowers upspringing sweet,

For our coasts from want protected,

For each inlet, river, bay,

For the bounty full and flowing,

Take our praise this joyful day.

For the hours when heaven is nearest

And the earth-mood does not cling,

For the very gloom oft broken

By our looking for the King,

By our thought that He is coming,

For our courage on the way,

Take, O Frined, unseen, eternal,

Praises this Thanksgiving Day.—Sel.

A SPIRITUAL VISIT.

Hezekiah at one time entertained guests of the king of Babylon. He was rejoicing because of the Lord's favor toward Him, and forgot that these men might be doing some spying, for he showed them all through his treasure house. Shortly after Isaiah came to him and asked who these guests were and what they said. Hezekiah told him they had come from faraway Babylon. Isaiah then asked, "What have they seen in thine house?" On hearing the answer Isaiah prophesied the captivity of Judah and the carrying away of all these treasures.

This is the setting of the verse we desire to apply in a different way to get a spiritual lesson. "What have they seen in thine house?" The soul of a human person might be called his house. In it transpire the thoughts and

final decisions which make him what he is. There are those in the world who have furnished this house with the jewel of salvation, the ornaments of lowliness, meekness, love, kindness, obedience and faith, the foundation being the Rock of Ages and the walls as enduring as gold. Others have built on shifting sand; the walls are built of cheap thoughts, the ornaments are only wood, hay, stubble, for there is no beauty where Christ has not done the decorating. Which kind of a house are you?

We now speak to those who are built solidly and are ornamented with Christ's adornments. The question comes, "What have they seen in thine house?" The emphasis might be placed either on "they" or "seen" and a serious question would be confronting the soul. To whom could "they" refer? Men from Babylon, the symbol of the world, visited Hezekiah. People of the world are continually making visits to our spiritual houses. We cannot keep them from it. They will finally find out what we have if they are in our company any length of time. In the close contacts of school or business life the students or workers become very well acquainted. They watch each other under pressure of hard things, during both work and play hours. Our principles of living which necessarily show in these things, give our associates a glimpse into our spiritual house. Who sees? Everyone with whom we come in contact.

Since it is evident that all people can see and do see into our souls, although in differing degrees yet always sufficiently to know what kind of a building we have and the type of furnishings, let us again approach the question, "What have they seen in thine house?" Now laying the emphasis on the word "what." Do they find there a pillar upholding the building which tells of adherence to principles of right and loyalty to truth no matter what pressure may be brought against it? Or is there a weak prop which signifies that this person always adapts himself to the crowd in which he finds himself. He believes one thing one day and the next it is something else because he is with another crowd. Does he say "No," when there are others to say no and if he is the only one believing no, does a faint "yes," come because he is afraid to adhere to the principles he believes to be right? God grant that pillars may be built in every soul which will stand against every adverse wind.

Do we find carefulness in habits of devotion, or do we let other things crowd out our prayer appointment with God? Is the Bible read regularly so these observers will feel that here is one person who is sincere in these necessary things and loyal to his God? Are we careful to give God praise for the providences of life and not act as though we were ashamed to credit Him with providing the pleasant paths for our feet?

Do they see carefulness watching our speech, so the tongue, that unruly member, may not cause us to dishonor God? Does conscientious action adorn

our heart or are we careless, thinking there isn't anything immoral in this so I will do it and still be a Christian? These guests who are visiting our souls continually will note all the inconsistent and cheap furnishings we have and just so much will their confidences in our character be increased or decreased.

The house of the soul cannot display what is not there. Camouflage will not work to save us. It may deceive for a long time, but what a man is will finally be revealed to the world. God sees all the time. A man's personality is the sum of all that he is in his body, soul and spirit. It is worth this that he touches other people. Personality is the outward show of his spiritual house and it is this that determines his influence on people. It is vastly important that we possess the adornments of gold and jewels which are given us by Jesus Christ when He enters this spiritual house to reign.

If you find that your house is cluttered with the cheap things of life do not fail to have a housecleaning immediately and let Christ wash you thoroughly and purge out every trace of the old. If you find that you have started your building aright but have delayed and allowed dust to gather and rubbish to collect, a housecleaning is in order for you also. Let us all be able to lift our heads without shame all because of the blood of Christ, when the question is asked, "What have they seen in thine house?" and know that there are no impure motives, no attempts to hide inconsistent actions, and no desires to be ashamed of doing right!

QUIET HOUR FOOD

By BELL G. BADLEY

Christian Endeavor Topics

November 10th, 1929.

Topic—Uprooting the Cause of War. Acts 17:24-31; James 3:13-18.; 4:1-3.

In order to uproot the causes of war we must create a desire for peace. There was a time when men actually loved warfare. That day is passing. All Christians should be peacemakers, and where the gospel is preached and accepted, the causes of war are uprooted. The same things that cause strife between individuals, cause strife between nations. Some of these are jealousy, greed, pride, selfishness, ambition and misunderstandings. If it is not right to allow two men living in the same village to fight out their quarrels and perhaps kill each other, it cannot possibly be right to allow nations to do the very same thing, only on a larger scale. This one thing we know: When Jesus comes there will be no more war. "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth, He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder." Psalms 46:9.

November 17th, 1929.

Topic—What Should Young Men and Women Expect of Each Other? II. Peter 1:2-11.

We will assume that the young men and women in the topic are Christians.

The young women have a right to expect the young men of their set to be friendly without being familiar, to be courageous without being bold, to be honest and reliable, courteous and clean. They expect them to set high standards of living and then live up to them.

The young men have a right to expect the young women of their crowd to be modest and virtuous, gentle and kindly, earnest and sincere.

Each likes in the other, reverence, sociability, thoughtfulness and truthfulness.

Neither likes in the other, selfishness, harshness, boastfulness or vanity.

Newell D. Hillis said, "Intellectual brilliancy weighs as light as punk against the gold of gentleness and character."

In every branch of the Church there is a demand for young men and women of sound health, good sense, trained intelligence, social sympathy and genuine character, to furnish moral leadership.

November 24th, 1929.

Topic—Thanksgiving Through Thank-living. Psalms 116:12-14; 17-19.

The best thanks we can offer to God is to take more of His gifts and use them well.

To fulfil our obligations is to thank God in a practical way. We have obligations to home, business, friends, and so on.

Most people's prayers are requests, not praise, yet it is the grateful heart whose requests win favor.

Our attitude toward God shows whether or not we appreciate His gifts. Are we too selfish to remember?

The Psalms of David are full of gratitude, and gratitude lies close to worship, wonder, adoration and love. It makes us want to live right. Really, all we can return to God for His gifts to us is gratitude.

Deprive yourself of a common blessing and see how quickly you begin to be thankful for it. One man was asked, "Are you thankful for having a good digestion all your long life?" "I never had noticed it," he replied. How many wonderful blessings we have which we have not even noticed.

December 1st, 1929.

Topic—Why is Christianity a Missionary Religion? Matthew 28:18-20.

First, because it is a command of Jesus to "Go into all the world." Then, we feel that the fruits of Christianity prove that it is the truth, and the person who knows truth is under obligation to teach those that do not know it. Silence about truth is criminal. Again, Jesus died for the whole world, and the world has a right to hear about it.

Another reason why Christianity has been a missionary religion is because so many of its followers have felt the call of God to go into foreign fields. Pioneer missionaries go to the far corners of the world where there are dangers and no conveniences, and love to do it. It is not done for money but for love.

We have found that whereas people have tried to satisfy soul-hunger by pleasure, culture, or in fact anything except Christ, that when they accept Christ, the soul is satisfied. They may not even have the necessities of life, yet the soul is satisfied. We feed our

children. If we do not, they die. Humanity is like a child. It must be fed spiritual food or it will die. And the Christian religion can supply the spiritual food.

Society Notes

ROSEDALE

The Christian Endeavor Society has Paul Cammack as president. We have started work on the chart and of course there is no doubt but that we shall win!

Word comes from Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pearson, of New York City that they are liking New York, but most of all they are liking married life! Gerald is with the Bell Telephone Research laboratories there.

Helen, Laura and Forrest Cammack are in Portland Bible Institute this winter.

SOUTH SALEM

Our society held its first social of the fall Friday evening, October 4th, in the parsonage. Not many members were out, as several were still working in the canneries, etc., but the annual election was held and John Trachsel was elected president; Virginia Ahalt, vice-president, and Anna Calaba, secretary-treasurer. The committees are to be chosen later when more of the young people are able to attend.

At the Marion County Christian Endeavor Convention held in the First Christian Church, Salem, October 11th-13th, the South Salem Friends Society won the Silver Loving Cup for most consistent attendance at all the sessions of the convention and a prize of \$2.50 for the highest percentage of registrations based on our membership. Scotts Mills won the Banner for the best work done on the Crusade Chart. Not so bad for the Friends.

ENTIAT

At a Four-County rally held in Wenatchee, Nelson Wilcox was re-elected Superintendent of the Quiet Hour and Tenth Legion in the district organization, Robert Morrill was elected Superintendent of Lookout and Extension, and Loyd Osburn was elected District Treasurer.

We are trying a new system of securing topics for our Sunday evening Christian Endeavor services. Instead of using the Christian Endeavor World exclusively, we let each leader choose whether he will prepare a topic of his own, use one the Prayer Meeting Committee prepares, or use the topic in the paper. We believe this plan will help us to put more of our own thoughts into the discussions. We find that the Friendly Endeavor is a real help in preparing lessons.

George Morrill left recently for Seattle where he will continue his study of Forestry at the University. George spent the summer at a look-out station in the mountains of the upper Entiat.

Alice and Harry Hadley and Verga Woods, Harry's sister, have moved from the mill at Ardenvoir to Entiat, to work in the apple harvest. At present they are living with the Sherman family.

At the September business meeting of our society, the following officers were elected: President, Lloyd Osburn; Vice-President, Viletta Griffith; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Morrill; Organist, Opal Hagen; Chorister, Mav Sherman. Miss Lena Fewless, sister of Fern Mills, came to Entiat recently and is now working as one of the telephone operators for the Entiat Telephone & Telegraph Company.

FIRST FRIENDS PORTLAND

We are glad indeed to have our pastor back in the pulpit again after his long sickness. The first Sunday of his return, the Sunday School presented him and his wife a covered cake box with a cake in it.

Carrie Wood sailed from Vancouver, B. C., the 17th of October. A farewell service was held for her the Sunday evening preceding, at which time expressions of her influence in our lives were given by different members of the congregation. Carrie brought a beautiful message, after which we all gathered around the altar for prayer. May the Lord protect and care for her!

The first church supper of the fall was held the second of October. The Missionary Committee had charge of the program. Carrie Wood was given a "money shower." Little sacks had been passed out among the members beforehand and these were taken up that night, hung around an umbrella and presented to her. She then spoke to us of the wonderful way the Lord had led her. Business meeting followed this service.

There has also been a great deal of sickness in our midst the past month. Bertha Morrison underwent an operation at the Good Samaritan Hospital the first of the month. She is recovering nicely. Mrs. A. V. Hendrickson is at the hospital for observation at the present writing. Lena Dicus is also convalescing from an operation.

A splendid program was given by the Sunday School on Rally Day. The Intermediate boys decided that Sunday School is not a bad place to be found on Sunday after all.

Half of the members of the Christian Endeavor went away to school this year, which left us greatly handicapped, but the Lord is blessing us and we hope for added numbers before the year is out. Marie Haines is conducting a Mission Study class for us the last Sunday of each month.

SECOND FRIENDS.

Our Sunday School sends Christmas gifts to missionaries each year, especially to Carroll and Doris Tamplin, and this year we tried a little different plan for getting the money. The first Sunday in September the missionary committee gave each Sunday School class a mite box. These were collected and opened the last Sunday of the month, and the amount totalled \$26.88.

Mrs. Neal, of the Presbyterian mission in Cameroun, West Africa, spoke to us on Sunday evening, September 29th. She gave a very interesting picture of her work there.

Ralph Lewis, our Christian Endeavor president, led the Endeavor meeting on September 29th. It was an original meeting in the form of an executive committee meeting.

In our Sunday evening meeting on October 6th, we had India presented to us. Carrie Wood spoke to us for a few minutes and then Alda Berry, of the Woman's Union Mission, told of her work in Allahabad. It was a very profitable meeting.

On Sunday evening, October 13th, we united with the Evangelical people in a union service at their church. Evangelist Cox preached a helpful message. On the evening of October 14th, at the home of the pastor, Miss Viola Spencer was very quietly married to Mr. William Baker. They will make their home in the city.

This month's Christian Endeavor social was one of special interest, being a "trip to India." The young people met at the home of Inez and Allison Rogers, and were greeted at the door by the "Roger Sahib" in full Indian dress.

The furniture was moved from the two front rooms which were filled with rugs, brass, drapes and other objects of interest from India. The officers of the Piedmont and Sunnyside Societies were guests and as soon as all were assembled a Hindustani Khana (dinner) was served in true Indian style. The young folks were seated upon the floor and rice, curry and chapatties (bread) was served by Inez Rogers, Mary Colver and Alda Berry—all in Indian dress. As these "Indian women" did not speak English, the Rogers Sahib was kept busy interpreting the attempted conversation on each side.

Much amusement was caused by the fact that no knives or forks were used—the young folks eating with their fingers.

After the refreshments, the monthly business meeting was held and the evening closed with a short talk on India and prayer.

BOISE

On September 29th, 45 relatives and friends went to the home of Carl Harris, of Melba, to help him celebrate his birthday.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sebran Harris, Merle Harris, and Clark Smith and family, from Melba. William Hudson and family and John Lydda and family from Nampa; Lester Harris and family and Mack Hull and family, from Greenleaf; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen, Rosa Allen, Dan Stephens and family and Stingley Snyder and family, from Boise; and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Knapp, from Merrill, Iowa.

The table was bountifully spread with good things, but they were not long in disappearing when 45 gathered about it and began filling their plates. In the afternoon some pictures were taken.

Everyone had a pleasant time and left wishing Carl many more happy birthdays.

Carl has said many times that no one could surprise him with a party, but he had to acknowledge that he was surprised this time.

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EDITORIAL

The Friendly Endeavor is "our" paper and since it is published to minister to the needs of the Friends young people, the staff is very desirous to use every inch to the best advantage. We are very fortunate in securing Gervas Carey to write some articles on Friends' doctrine. In order to aid the societies in filling out the "Friends with Christ" chart, we expect to print material on the three goal subjects. Watch the next issue for new material.

Aunt Cora's Column

GIVE THANKS FER WHAT?

"Let earth give thanks," the deacon said
And then the proclamation read.

"Giv thanks fer what, an' what about?"
Asked Simon Soggs when church was out.
"Give thanks fer what? I don't see why;
The rust got in an' spiled my rye,
The hay wan't half a crop, and corn
All wilted down an' looked forlorn;
The bugs jest gobbled my pertaters,
The what-you-call-'em lineaters,
And gracious, when you come to wheat,
There's more than all the world can eat;
I'll hev to give it away, I reckon!"

"Good for the poor!" exclaimed the deacon

"Give thanks fer what?" asked Simon
Soggs,

"Fer the freshet carryin' off my logs?
Fer Dobbins goin' blind? Fer five
Uv my best cows that was alive
Afore the smashin' railroad come
An' made it awful troublesome
Fer ten dead sheep" sighed Simon Soggs.

The deacon said, "You've got your hogs!"

"Give thanks? And Jane and baby sick?
I e'enmost wonder if old Nick
Ain't runnin' things!"

The deacon said,
"Simon! Yer people might be dead!"

"Give thanks?" said Simon Soggs again,
"Jest look at what a fix we're in!
The country's rushin' to the dogs
At race-horse speed!" said Simon Soggs.
"Give thanks? How mad it makes me feel
To think how office holders steal!
The taxes paid by you and me
Is four times bigger'n they should be;
The federal governments all askew,
The ballot's sech a mockery, to!
Some votes too little, some too much,
Some not at all—it beats the Dutch!
An' now no man knows what to do,
Or how is how, or who is who.
Deacon, corruption's kill
'This glorious Union!' Is it still
Give thanks fer what, I want to know?"

The deacon answered soft and low,

"Simon, it fills me with surprise—
Ye don't know where your duty lies;
Kneel right straight down in all the muss,
And thank God that it ain't no wuss!"
W. F. CROFFUT.

KELSO MEETING.

From August 28 to September 8, the
Workers' League held a meeting in the
Kelso Frierds Church where Walter
and Gladys Cook are the pastors. The
attendance on the whole was encour-
aging. During the last week after-
noon meetings were held each day and
at 4 p. m., the children came from
school to their meeting. The boys
and girls gave a short program at the
beginning of the Sunday evening ser-
vice to tell their parents what they
had been doing during the week.

Souls were encouraged and spiritual
growth was very manifest in several.
Some met God for a definite purpose
and received. The workers closed the
meeting glorifying God that He had
been faithful to souls. Many problems
were left behind for the pastors to meet,
so let us all bear that church to the
throne of God in our prayers. There
are souls there to be ministered to, and
everyone may have a share in the
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