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# The Friendly Endeavor

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## QUAKER FORMALITIES

Gervas A. Carey

The history of Friends presents some very interesting illustrations of the development of formalism in the face of our continued emphasis upon the absence of ritual in true worship. Of this formalism within the Friends Church itself some has had to do directly with worship while other has concerned modes of life and conduct. Of the latter the plain language and dress may be cited as the outstanding examples while either the silent meetings on the one hand or the fully programmed vocal services on the other hand may be offered as forms that have entered into the meeting for worship.

It is easy to understand the sentimental attachments which grew up around the plain language and dress. The soft "Thee" and "Thou" of elderly address to each other and to children became like music to our ears. The rising generations adopted the form of expression with little or no thought as to its real significance. But in the beginning of its usage "Thee" and "Thou" were the regular singular forms of address while "You" was the plural. It was customary to use "Thee" to equals; but "You" to superiors, an expression meaning more than one but used to address a single person as a title of respect. George Fox and other early Friends merely insisted on using the English language correctly as regarded number, from a conviction that there is a fundamental equality of all men which makes it inconsistent to look upon any man as more than one. The plain language gradually became a form as the usage of the English language gradually adopted "you" as a singular. Thereafter the continued usage of the plain language by Friends was continued as a custom without its original significance.

As regards the plain dress, it was a development of the early testimony of Friends in favor of simplicity. It is doubtful whether they had any desire for a uniform dress at first but sought modesty and plainness as a testimony against the general extravagance of the times. The leather breeches which George Fox made for himself of which considerable has been written were made from a motive of economy and convenience. Their durability was the feature which appealed to Fox. In the course of time the development of a uniform dress afforded opportunity for the very extravagance against which plain dress was first advocated. Quaker hats, bonnets, dresses, shawls and suits were many times made of the most expensive materials available. Their limited purchasers increased the cost of small quantity production. And as for simplicity and humility it was discovered that pride could be stimulated by a fine uniform as well as by current styles.

## THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Opportunity has appeared once again for those who care to grab her by the forelock!

You see, it's this way. Chester Hadley, chairman of the conference commissary department, makes this proposal:

If there are one hundred paid boarders in the mess hall next conference, each and every eater there will only pay the paltry trifle of five dollars for the WHOLE week. And furthermore—this is the beauty of it—anyone getting ten people to sign up to eat at the dining room on a five dollar rate (and extract the money also from said ten) gets a pass to eat free—and freely—at the club. Methinks this news is like sweet nectar to some canny Scotchmen aroundabouts!

Now, opportunity in the garb of free meals at our own glorious, fun-spilling, foodfilling conference is here!

The race is on! Really, the thought does almost terrify me—those intermediates are so peppy—what if they took all the coveted free places! Oh, yes, extra meals are served on deep-sea fishing days, you understand—case of necessity for most persons!

You bring the ten next to you and I'll bring the ten next to me; in no time at all we'll have—our expenses paid at conference!

The Dining Club manager, C. A. Hadley, says he can meet the expenses of the club for the Conference week at only \$5.00 apiece if there are at least one hundred boarders. Another condition is that the \$5.00 be paid by July 15th so he will have cash in hand to pay the bills. A drive to get **One Hundred Members** for this dining club was inaugurated at the banquet. It is now in full swing. Anyone desiring to earn their board free at Conference may do so by securing ten paid members for this club. To secure membership blanks write C. A. Hadley, 225 East Thirty-Fifth Street, Portland, Oregon. When these blanks are returned to him signed and the \$5.00 paid he will send a membership card to the person applying for it.

Perhaps by this method some one in your Society can get to go to Conference who otherwise could not. Take advantage of the offer and let's have at least 150 members of the Twin Rocks Dining Club.

## MISSIONARY

IS IT RIGHT?

Would to God we could lose sight for a time of missionary organization and every human agency and could get one clear vision of Jesus Christ; then the whole problem of missionary finance and missionary workers would be settled. I do not ask you to pity the heathen, but I do ask you with all my heart to treat Jesus Christ right.

Is it right to receive eternal life from those scarred hands and then give Him only the spare change we happen to have left after we have supplied ourselves with luxuries? Is it right to receive heaven at the price which He paid, and then give Him the odds and ends, the convenient service, the things that cost us little or nothing? The crumbs that fall from your laden table are not enough; they will not do to meet the need of the world that gropes in its ignorance, and in its blindness without God. You have no right to crucify the Lord Jesus Christ afresh upon the cross of your convenience.—Selected.

Let us read this again, thoughtfully and prayerfully.

## FOR YOUR BULLETIN BOARDS

"At Kamakura, Japan, is the second largest idol in the country, a statue of Buddha. It is hollow and so large you can get inside of it and ascend a stairway leading to its head. People can get inside of these gods, but these gods cannot get inside of them."

## Better Meetings

By BELL G. BADLEY.

Christian Endeavor Topics.

April 13, 1930

Topic—Why Everybody Needs Christ. John 14:1-11.

Let us open the meeting by singing "I Need Jesus," "I Need Thee Every Hour," and "He's My Friend."

If everybody needs Christ, that includes the children, the intermediates and the seniors, also the middle aged and the elderly. Wouldn't this be a good time to have a joint meeting of all the societies? Invite several older members of the Church to be present. Now some earnest prayers. Then throw the meeting open to testimony, but keep the division in age. Let the children speak first, because when the older ones get started telling why they need Jesus in their lives they never seem to be able to stop. Let all the members pray that a revival spirit may break out and some souls find God at this meeting.

Men are passing, dying. If they need Christ they need Him here and now, before they die. They are calling to us for Him.—Robert E. Speer.

People do not judge of Christianity by its doctrine, but by the lives of professing Christians. We attract or we repel.

We need Christ in the home. We may not be able to bring our relatives to Christ by argument or preaching, but we can convince them of the reality of salvation by the way we live.



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### GREENLEAF

Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting was held here February 21, 22, 23. The C. E. Rally, held on Friday night, consisted mostly of a debate, with Orpha Pressnalle and Dilla Tucker of Greenleaf, as negative and Milton Mills and Charles Beals, of Boise, as affirmative. The question in debate was: Resolved, That opportunities for missionary work are more promising in India than in China. The decision was in favor of the affirmative.

The regular session of the Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday with a goodly number of representatives from the different meetings of the Quarterly Meeting. I. Gurney Lee, pastor at Star, brought a very helpful message Saturday morning.

Ruth Myers was home for a short vacation in February. She is attending the North Pacific Evangelistic Institute in Portland.

W. J. Winslow, wife and daughter, have returned from California, where they spent the winter with Mrs. Winslow's mother.

Our Sunday services are being quite well attended. The ushers are kept busy finding seating room.

The young people have talked the matter over with our pastor and have decided to have a short prayer meeting on Saturday nights for the young peo-

ple. Virena Rinard is to have charge of the first meeting.

Mrs. Marie Hirst spent a few days last week with her friend, Carol Heston, at Star.

Caldwell District C. E. Convention convened here last week end. The theme of the Convention was "Double Your Life" and the Convention verse was Col. 1:18—"That in all things He might have the preeminence." The first session began Friday evening with an address by Rev. George Roseberry, of Fruitland, followed by a social time. The services Saturday consisted of talks from members of the various C. E. Societies, which were very helpful. At 5:30 Saturday evening a banquet was served, followed by an address by Rev. Lester Jones, of Nampa. Rev. Moore had the services Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon was taken up with short talks on the Convention subject. The Endeavor meeting was led by Leanna McCain, president of Idaho State Union. The topic was "How Can I Double My Life By Sharing?" After which Rev. Montgomery, of Parma, gave an address on "Doubling Our Lives Through Stewardship and Service."

### QUOTA FOR 1930

Keep the money rolling in! Keep the money rolling in! Soon the quota will be paid and the money will do its duty. Melba and Star are now added to the honor list of those who have paid in full.

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