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QUAKER FORMALITIES

(Continued from last month)

The silent meetings and the fully programmed vocal service may be considered together. Fundamentally the silent meeting was based upon the conviction that the effective service is that directly led and anointed by the Holy Spirit. We believe that this is the case but question whether the Holy Spirit always leads in the same manner. Even the expectation of His guidance at the end of a twenty-minute silence may thwart His will as effectively as a printed program on which no time whatever is allotted to meditation. The Quaker ideal makes it as inconsistent to state that we will always begin our meetings with a period of silence as it does to announce that we will always open our service by singing three songs. Either may be clearly in the will of the Lord one day but some other service of prayer or praise may be more effective another day. To assume as is done frequently that this is the time for silence, for prayer, testimony or the sermon is to drift into a formality which thus far restricts the leadership of the Holy Spirit for any other order of procedure. It should be noted here that the foregoing statement rests upon the introductory "To assume" as a human conclusion. There are many times when the Holy Spirit clearly indicates that silence, prayer, testimony or preaching are in order. The meeting at large may sense this fact while members individually act accordingly or the sense of fitness may be given to someone to suggest to others. Silence is the will of the Lord at heart searching while in the will of men it is usually a bore. The same might be said of prayer, testimony or preaching. It is the Spirit that gives life to any service.

The testimony to formalism is very natural. Even in our evangelistic efforts we have been prone to depend upon methods that have been successful elsewhere rather than to place our full dependence upon God. Certain evangelists have had personal peculiarities which have been copied by others as if these peculiarities had accounted for success. Again this denotes a lack of faith in God. Individuals who have been directly and blessedly led by the Holy Spirit have undertaken to repeat the service with the expectation of a repetition of the blessing but have been disappointed.

From a practical standpoint some order of procedure in life and in meetings for worship is necessary. For while God may lead directly and definitely at one time it may be impossible to discern any immediate revelation of His will at other times. Paul admonished the Corinthians—but let all things be done decently and in order. Orderliness becomes a formality when it becomes so fixed that the order is maintained for itself; it has become more important than the thing ordered. So long as the

order remains flexible and secondary the Holy Spirit can direct otherwise as He chooses. It is this ideal of a well ordered life and worship that the rising generation of young Friends should seek.

BANQUET CRUMBS

Saturday evening, March 30th, was the date of a general migration of the Endeavorers of this section of Oregon Yearly Meeting to the Highland Friends Church at Salem. This was no idle migration. Indeed not! They had a very definite purpose—to attend the biggest and best Twin Rocks Rally Banquet ever. The Salem people certainly deserve all the credit they received for the success of the affair.

As the cars were arriving, everyone spent several thrilling moments meeting old friends, becoming acquainted with additional ones and arousing anew enthusiasm for the food which waited down stairs and the Conference which loomed in the future. After the tables were all full, each one sang several little songs to add to the spirit of fun and fellowship, then everyone started work on the excellent meal—meat loaf, string beans, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, salad, rolls and jell-o. And pickles and coffee, of course.

The program opened with a song by the whole group, led by Elizabeth Hadley. The Intermediate boys from Sunnyside sang two songs and came back for an encore. Then the "Dusky Four" men's quartet from Pacific College sang three numbers, followed by a reading by Lincoln Wirt and a piano solo by Lloyd Osburne. After another group song, Laura Cammack, the Vice-President, presented again the Friends With Christ Chart. She also showed the bronze shield which is to be the prize for the best work on the chart, and will be kept by the society which wins it for two years.

Then Elizabeth Ott, the Secretary, presented the program for Twin Rocks. She stressed the facts that the Conference would have

As evangelist, Samuel Mozier of Ohio. Missionaries, Carol and Doris Tamplin. For Intermediates, Marjorie Brown

Votav.

For recreation, Walter and Gladys Cook. For classes, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Simms, and Mr. Mott.

As Father and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cope.

Everyone was surprised when Emel and Alberta Swansen came out reading from a 1940 Friendly Endeavor, an enlarged and beautified magazine, all about the 1930 Conference, the Highland banquet, and new positions held by Endeavor leaders and young people. Then by a clever skit, Milo Ross, Walter Lee and Chester Hadley explained the new and cheaper plan for entertainment at the Conference.

Allen Hadley, an Intermediate, spoke very well on the attractions of the Conference to young people of his age.

Chester Hadley told of the beginnings of the Conference and traced some of the history, showing how prayer and faithfulness had brought success. Walter Lee spoke last, pointing out that Twin Rocks is the ideal training camp for young people, sending them out prepared to fight the fight of faith for victory. He stressed the fact that a successful Conference must have the presence of Christ as well as interested individuals and urged all those present to pray for the Conference and prepare to go. Each one left that evening even more enthusiastic over Twin Rocks, with a wish to be more vital in the progress of the Oregon Friends Christian Endeavor Union.

ADVENTURES IN SCOTTISHISM

Milo Ross

There is a great amount of talk relative to a certain innate quality possessed by the native sons of Scotland. Some call it thrift, others dub it frugality, but more often it is simply styled the faculty of being tight. Some Scotchmen seem to enjoy this amount of notoriety, even going so far as to joke about it to others; others do not. This knack is primarily all right. But there is just one thing wrong with the whole idea. It is not unique with the Scotchmen! We were all cast from the same mold, and because of this we should never curl the lip at our brother. Some of us might happen to be Scotchmen. Besides, thrift is a virtue.

If it is a good thing, why not cultivate it? Now that we all have this adorable ability to seek for things of the greatest value with the least amount of capital, the time has come to try it once again.

You read the article entitled "The Chance of a Lifetime" in last month's Friendly Endeavor. Then three hundred and seventy-five of you heard all about it at the Banquet. Chester Hadley has a happy thought. If one hundred of you pay your board bill for Twin Rocks Conference by July fifteenth, then we can all eat the entire week for only \$5.00 (five dollars). That is cheaper than you can board anywhere, except at Grandmother's. Get your membership blanks from Chester. If you can not see your way clear to attend Conference, this is for you: Just get ten of your friends to give their five dollars and you send the fifty dollars, with their names and yours, to Chester Hadley at 229 East 35th Street, Portland. Now, you can go to Twin Rocks this summer. Hurry, too, because you can never tell—your best Friend may be your arch enemy.

If you get a ride to Twin Rocks, if you have your board paid through this plan, if you get someone to take you deep sea fishing, then if you ask someone if they have room for you on the way home, and if they do, the Conference will not cost you a cent. If this is not an adventure, name it!

Better Meetings

By BELL G. BADLEY.

Christian Endeavor Topics.

May 11th, 1930.

Topic—Developing Good Will Through the Home. Ruth 1:6-10, 15-17.

For Bible study:

If we would develop good will, we must observe the following:

- Love—John 13:35.
- Forbearance—Genesis 45:24.
- Discipline—Proverbs 12:10.
- Courtesy—Romans 12:10.
- Helpfulness—Luke 10:38-42.
- Truthfulness—Ephesians 4:20-25

There should be honor and respect for parents as a foundation for good will and happiness.

Family worship tends to create happy homes. Despite difficulties in modern life the Bible can be put back into the homes and all the family be united around the throne of grace.

There are several things that are contagious besides measles and mumps. "A grouch" is contagious. One unhappy, disgruntled member of a household can cast a gloom over everyone. On the other hand, a bright, happy individual can make everybody feel better.

If our homes are to show forth good will, they should not be selfish homes. We should open our doors for committee meetings, for Christian Endeavor business meetings and for socials.

May 18th, 1930.

Topic—What are the Causes of War? James 3:13-18; 4:1,2.

The causes of wars between nations are usually the same as those between individuals. (Nations are made up of individuals.) We could safely place greed as one of them. Ambition, selfishness, misunderstandings, pride and love of conquest are other causes.

As a follower of Christ, every church member should do all in his power to stop war, but we have no promise that we will have world peace until the Prince of Peace is ruling the earth.

Look back in history.

What was the cause of the Revolutionary war?

What caused the war of 1812?

What caused the Civil War? Spanish-American war? World War?

The day has gone by when kings and barons can make war at their own sweet will. But there is still danger of war so long as war propaganda is not uprooted.

May 25th, 1930.

Topic—How Missionaries Advance World Peace. Isaiah 52:7-10.

The very message that missionaries carry is a message of "Peace on earth, good will to men." They teach that God is the loving Father of all who will become His children. They teach that salvation is for all races; that we are brothers and sisters after we have been born into the family of God.

They carry with them love, sympathy and compassion.

One of the most important things to remember is that missionaries are not

out to make money. Were the object of their service a mercenary one, there would not be the peace that they seek.

Breaking down of prejudices is a means of promoting peace. It is said that a Boston man, bitterly opposed to and prejudiced against the German people, while passing through Germany, fell ill and was nursed with great kindness in a German family. His views were changed. He had been prejudiced and became enlightened.

The fact that our missionaries have led the way in education, medicine and evangelistic work, shows that their aims are peace-loving.

June 1st, 1930.

Topic—How Avoid a Summer Slump in our Society Work? Hebrews 10:24, 25.

In the first place, will someone please define a slump? If we mean a falling off of attendance due to vacations, we will not be able to avoid a slump. We all need vacations, should have them, must have them, if we carry on at our best, mentally and physically. So do not allow anyone to feel discouraged because the crowd is small. What we should make every effort to avoid is a letting down in our spiritual fervor. If there are only three members present the prayers can be just as earnest, the lesson just as helpful, and the testimonies just as sincere as when there are fifty.

Let every member make sure that he is putting the Christian Endeavor in its proper place in importance. An auto ride is not sinful on Sunday in itself, but it can become so if it is allowed to rob the Christian of his prayer life, his Bible study, his attendance at the meetings of worship.

How would it be to have the meetings out of doors during part of the summer at least? Go to a near-by park or by the river. Announce it to every member beforehand, and have the meeting early enough so that everyone could get back to church.

Aunt Cora's Column

"Now, Bob, if you are ready, perhaps we might continue our discussion," Aunt Cora said, seating herself comfortably in the big arm chair.

"If you don't mind, Aunt Cora, I'd like to listen too," Betty remarked, drawing a low footstool beside Aunt Cora's chair.

"You know you are always welcome," Aunt Cora smiled, laying her hand gently on Betty's head. "Where was it that you wanted me to begin today, Bob?"

"Well, how do we know there is a life beyond this? Can you tell me how to answer that?"

"I don't see how anyone could help but believe in immortality," Betty answered quickly. "Just look at nature all around us! Everything that dies has a germ of life that always lives and springs up again."

"I know that," Bob said, doubtfully. "But is that any proof of human immortality?"

"It has always seemed to me that God would not be less mindful of those created in His own image than he is

of plants and trees," Aunt Cora said. "But to me the greatest evidence of eternal life is the glimpses we have beyond the veil; the death bed scenes of Christian believers."

"I have been much interested in reading 'Nelson on the Cause and Cure of Infidelity,' the findings and consequent conversion of an infidel physician through death bed scenes. David Nelson says in part that when unbelievers are faced with death they are often in terror and darkness, but when Christian believers actually come to die, they are in peace and joy, and sometimes see and hear beyond the veil. I have personally witnessed several such triumphant deaths that banished all doubt in my mind, if there ever was a doubt, but what there is a glorious welcome awaiting God's children after death and I have heard of many more true instances of such deaths."

"I'm sure that is true, Aunt Cora," Bob agreed, thoughtfully. "And now, how can I present the truths of the Second Coming of Jesus in a clear, understandable way?"

"That is a big subject to discuss in so short a time," Aunt Cora answered slowly. "Jesus gave us many signs of His coming. Read these scriptures: Matthew 24:6, 7, 12; Luke 21:8-11, 25-28; Isaiah 18:1-7; Daniel 12:4. He also told us in I. Thess. 4:13-18, I. Cor. 15:51-52, how He would come. After we, the Church, the Bride of Christ, are caught up comes the period of great tribulation and distress (Matthew 24:21-22). At the close of this period, the Lord will appear in person, the Jews will recognize Him as their Messiah, will repent and be saved. Multitudes who have refused to worship the beast and been martyred, will be saved. The Lord will set up His kingdom with Jerusalem as capital, and fulfill all His promises to Israel as a nation. The Lord alone will be King over all the earth and will reign a thousand years. There are many more wonderful things in store for God's children but I haven't time to tell you now."

"But how do we know this is true?" Bob persisted.

"Divide the prophecies about Christ's coming in two parts. One part tells of a suffering Saviour. The other tells of a triumphant King. Every word relating to the suffering Saviour has been exactly, literally and specifically fulfilled. Would God the Father permit that and fail to fulfill His promise to glorify His Son as King on the earth? Would even an earthly father treat his son so? Think, Bob!"

"I am thinking, Aunt Cora, and I do believe, but it is hard for me to know just how to put my thoughts into words. Thanks for your help."

CORRECTIONS

In the March issue the total in the Financial Report read \$727.27. It should have read \$738.58.

In the April issue a dancing contest was reported in the Springbrook news. This was a misprint. It should have read "drawing contest."

Though thy name be borne abroad, Like wing'd seed, from shore to shore, What thou art before thy God,

That thou art, and nothing more. Eleanor E. Donnelly.

Aunt Cora's Column

The Aunt Cora's Column matter on page 2 is the one crowded out last month. This is the one regularly for this month.

HELPING MOTHER

"Aunt Cora, I wish I knew I could be of real help to mother?" Betty said. "Not only just now because it is Mother's Day and we are thinking about it, but all through the year."

"I thought of the same thing the other day," Bob spoke up. "Sometimes I think people treat Mother's Day just like Christmas or New Years or some special day. They celebrate one day and then forget all about it for another year."

"I have noticed that too," Aunt Cora answered. "Some girls and boys lavish all sorts of attention on their mother for the one day and then promptly go out and break their Mother's heart the rest of the year. I heard a mother say the other day that she almost dreaded Mother's Day because her children who neglect and forget her all the year lavish expensive gifts on her that day and she feels it doesn't come from the heart but is just for show."

"I know," Betty said, "But sometimes it seems as if mother and I don't understand each other as we should. What can I do to help?"

"There are several things that you can do if you are willing, Betty," Aunt Cora said slowly. "For one thing try and have a moment or two alone with your mother every day. Tell her an interesting item of news or an amusing incident or ask her advice about something, so she will feel necessary and not neglected."

"An occasional flower brought home and given her will afford her untold

pleasure. It need not be expensive. A single rosebud given with the words 'I thought this so lovely I had to bring it to you,' will fill her day with happiness."

"Then, there are the evenings when you can take her with you to the concert—just you and she. There is the hour at church when with a little thought and planning you can sit by her side. The service will mean more to her because you choose to sit there."

"I mean this for you too, Bob. There are many little things that you both can do to help your mother stay young with you. Save her all the steps you can. Carry things to the table, carry off the dishes after meals, pick up things on the floor, set the disarranged furniture in order, clean up your own litter, make your beds each morning, sweep off the porch, do some of the heavy lifting, see that your things are hung up. It is such an interesting thing to do and it brings such a quick response that you will wonder that you did not think of it sooner."

"It is surely worth trying, isn't it Bob," Betty said.

"You mother becomes very much what you expect her to be. If you want her to be liked and admired, you must see that she meets the girls, the boys, and the mothers of your friends; that she knows the songs, the books, the fashions of the hour."

"And, now, just take a final peep at yourself. Are you giving your mother any cause to worry about yourselves? Are you keeping up your lessons? Are you staying out too late at nights? Are you keeping questionable company? You know without my asking what it is that is worrying your mother, and you know that you can put that thing out of the way and please her; that is, with God's guidance and help."

"I am willing to try too, Betty," Bob said fervently. "Let's make every day Mother's Day."

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WHAT COUNTS?

The start of a race is thrilling. When the gun cracks and the men leap forward in the speedy struggle for supremacy, we are all excited. But it is the finish of the race that counts.

We have made a nice start to clean up the 1930 quota for the Friendly Endeavor, but it is the finish that is going to count and put the Friendly Eudeavor over for another year.

Let us put on a fresh burst of speed and finish our quota up before Yearly Meeting time. We can do it if we all get busy. Our slogan: "Paid in full by June 10th."

Society	Quota	Paid
	1930	
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If you are on the gloomy line,
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If you are inclined to fret and pine,
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Get off the track of doubt and gloom,
Get on the sunshine train; there's room.
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If you are in the worry train,
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You must not stay there and complain,
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The cheerful cars are passing through,
And there's lots of room for you,
Get a transfer.

If you are on a grouchy track,
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Just take a happy special back,
Get a transfer.
Jump on the train and pull the rope,
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LOVE

Peace is love resting.
Bible study is love reading its lover's letters.

Prayer is love keeping tryst.
Conflict with sin is love jealousy fighting for its lover.

Hatred of sin is love shrinking from that which separates from its lover.

Sympathy is love tenderly feeling.

Enthusiasm is love burning.

Hope is love expecting.

Patience is love waiting.

Faithfulness is love sticking fast.

Humility is love taking its true place.

Modesty is love keeping out of sight.

Soul winning is love pleading.

Some have discovered that our mother's Bible is not inspired, and that the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ is a wornout fable. If the Lord has ever dealt with your soul, you will hate this infidelity, and the lying hope which grows out of it. God has spoken by His Word! Long lines of witnesses declare that Word to be true. Myriads have lived and died in the faith of it, and poured forth their blood in defense of it. It must be true; and if there be no hope in the Word for an unpardoned sinner, then there is no hope for him anywhere.—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon in "Sword and Trowel."

However a man is gifted, whether for action, enterprise, or for thought, or charity, there lies around him a world of opportunity. So far behind are we socially, morally, intellectually that one might be forgiven if he supposed the world was made but yesterday and nothing had yet been done. Does no ambition fire us to help the despairing, starving, sinking people around us? If a few more years be added to our life, would we not eagerly strive to put something right, to sweep out some little corner, to awaken some soul to see and rejoice in the growing light?—From Bible readings in "Good Words."

How bright the living Word shines when compared with human wisdom.—Alexander MacMillan.

All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths of the Holy Scriptures.—Sir John Herschel.

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