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THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

"Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holiness." Psa. 97:12.

The true Christian will never consider Thanksgiving Day as a trite time of year for he has so many blessings that, though he gives praise to God every day of the year, he needs one extra day to help "catch up" even a little bit.

The providences which surround our physical lives are unnumbered, even in a year of economic depression and when some are suffering. God's child has His promise to care for him and David said that he had never seen the Lord's seed begging bread. Man's business is to seek first the kingdom of God, then all these things shall be added.

Spiritual blessings are to some only extra benefits which do not seem to concern them, but to the Christian—what would life be without them? What would you be doing in life today if the power of God had not transformed you? What kind of associates would you have, what kind of ideals, what kind of a home? "Give thanks at the remembrance of His Holiness." God's character, His holiness engenders all the blessings we enjoy. Without them there would be no purity of life in thought, word and deed for men; there would be no assurance that the promises in the Bible would be performed in our behalf; there would be no Christian fellowship with others. The darkness of sin would make all men most miserable, if our God were not holy. But we remember that our God is beautiful in holiness, therefore at the very remembrance of this, let us give thanks and praise!

God in His holiness has provided a plan of salvation whereby humanity may have the same kind (not degree) of holiness as He and so may be permitted to commune with Him. What a marvelous provision this is. God asks that creation might "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Shall His children not find this Thanksgiving season a gracious one in blessing by remembering our worship from a heart perfected in love?

OUR BRITISH NEIGHBORS

Gervas A. Carey

British Columbia and Alberta Quarterly Meeting was held in the Friends' Meeting House on Fern Street in Victoria, B. C., September 27th and 28th. In reality this is a Half-Year Meeting since it is held but twice during the year, alternating between Victoria and Vancouver.

The group of Friends in Western Canada is small, with a total membership of one hundred and fifty-seven in the Quarterly Meeting. Those in Alberta are over six hundred miles from Vancouver on account of which they seldom attend the meetings.

It was my privilege to attend the recent sessions in Victoria. A four hours' ride on a luxurious Canadian Pacific Steamship took me from the rushing American city of Seattle to the quiet of Victoria, which is said to be the most typically British city outside of England. The contrast between the two cities is very marked. In Victoria one sees far less hustle and excitement with greater evidences of self-possession and leisure. This may be partially accounted for by reason of its being a British city, likewise partially explained by the fact that many of the residents are retired from active business life. Walking continues to be popular while there are many bicycles and fewer automobiles than one sees in the United States.

When I arrived at the Meeting House I found a small but most interesting group of Friends. Their meetings were held after the old custom of Friends, opened with silence and without music except in the Sunday evening public service. There were times of silent waiting before the Lord but these were marked by a precious sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Again there were various vocal exercises of earnest prayer and brief messages. The business was conducted with deliberation and prayerful concern. There were some methods and customs which reminded me that I was not in my home meeting while the presence of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of those who knew and loved Jesus Christ made me feel constantly "at home" in the meeting. It may be proper to cite it as an example of "The Quaker Meeting" described in the June number of The Friendly Endeavor.

In this connection it is interesting to recognize the remote influences which sometimes prepare the way for our fellowship. About fifty years ago, my grandfather, John Carey, a minister of Indiana, with his son Leander as a companion, travelled in the ministry within the limits of Canada Yearly Meeting. The Friend in whose home I was entertained in Victoria said that they were then entertained in the home of his father in Ontario. He repeated with great delight some of the peculiar Hoosier expressions which my grandfather used. The kindnesses extended to me were prompted in part at least I am sure by the memory of my grandfather's ministry.

MISSIONARY

You have read the article in the September number by Carroll Tamplin, and the articles in the October number on our new field, I am sure, with great interest.

Now get ready for this big, but very interesting task before us. Pray, give and help in every way possible to put the work of our new mission field over the top for Christ.

The following account of one Missionary Society in the Yearly Meeting was very interesting, I thought, so I want to give it here, that it may help others in the way of giving.

A few months ago, in one Missionary Society, mite-boxes were handed out with the request that a piece of money be placed in the mite-box each time the holder had something especially for which to be thankful. The money to go to Bolivia. October 3d was the date set for opening the mite-boxes. First, several of the ladies gave a short play—"A Meeting of the Mite-Boxes." From this they learned that if the Mite-Boxes could talk they would spell their name M-i-g-h-t-boxes, and would desire to be well filled so that they might be able to do more in the mission field. After this, each member took turns pouring the contents of their Mite-Boxes into a bowl placed on the table for that purpose, and told some instance that called for a thank offering for her box. As the last box was emptied into the bowl, it ran over, and the president remarked, "let it run over, for it is the overflow that brings the blessing." After the money was counted, they were very much surprised to find that it amounted to nearly \$25. Each member was deeply moved and thanked God for His bountiful blessings. This Society is giving the Mite-Boxes another trial and they recommend the method to every other Society and every member of Oregon Yearly Meeting. Let us all give it a trial.

TITHING TIPS

Work has been done, Endeavorers! One year of work on the "Friends with Christ" program. Christian Endeavor Societies throughout Oregon Yearly Meeting have applied themselves industriously to the task of building up a spirit of Christian stewardship and increasing their individual tithing percentages. It has been real work, too. Not just a spurt of enthusiasm that has buoyed them up over some short-lived ebb-tide, but an entire year of sustained effort. As a result, there have been many new tithers. Chehalem Center alone reached 100 per cent; Scotts Mills had 97 per cent; Highland, 94; while others ranked lower. The grand total was 77 new tithers from all the locals. This is highly gratifying. Certainly this large number in twelve short months should spur us on to another year of endeavor and attainment. With this accomplishment of last year, will each society work with redoubled efforts to bring every Endeavorer in our Union into the ranks of consistent tithers.

"Tell the ordinary man that you heard a voice across the Atlantic Ocean and he will believe you. Tell him you heard from Heaven and he will give you a strange look."

Men of little faith never amount to much in business.—William Feather.

Better Meetings

By BELL G. BADLEY

Christian Endeavor Topics.

November 9th, 1930.

Topic—What Does Brotherhood Mean? Matt. 23:8; I John 3:17.

Brothers who have reached the years of manhood, do not fight if they love each other. We will have no more war if all men love each other as brothers. Therefore we should promote a feeling of brotherhood among the various nations. Can you imagine Jesus sanctioning modern war?

The glamour is being rubbed off war. Men are learning its horrible cruelties, its lies, its crimes. That is why peace societies are formed. They give out facts about war and peace. People must learn the futility of war and the glory of peace. Then instead of spending millions for war, we could spend our money for promoting peace.

If there could be a real brotherly understanding between nationalities, it would help toward a feeling of good will. There seems to be such a strong distrust, one of another. The Gospel of Jesus Christ will dispel this. A heart experience of grace is the solution to the problem.

November 16th, 1930.

Topic—Jesus, an Example of Stewardship. John 17:17; Luke 2:49.

Our steward here at the hospital is the man who has charge of all the supplies. He keeps them under lock and key. No one may enter the storeroom without being let in. He is faithful to his trust. He is careful about checking on all articles that go out of his store, and is careful about checking all goods delivered to his charge. If he were not trustworthy, the hospital would soon feel the losses that he allowed.

We are stewards. We have charge of certain talents, of time, of money entrusted to us. Jesus is the greatest example of perfect stewardship, and if we study His life, we will know better how to act as stewards. There is a difference between use, and right use. Jesus always made the right use of everything, His time, His power, His sympathy and finally Himself.

November 23d, 1930

Topic—Things for Which We Should Be Thankful. Ps. 103:1-13.

We are all so familiar with the general Thanksgiving service, that I think this time we will have a poem, which illustrates the beauty and value of being thankful and happy over what most people would think nothing at all. But we are too prone to be looking for some great event to come. Let us learn to really be happy in the very common things.

"The day will bring some lovely thing, I say it over each new dawn; Some gay, adventurous thing to hold Against my heart when it is gone.

And so I rise and go to meet The day, with wings upon my feet. I come upon it unaware

Some sudden beauty without name; A snatch of song—a breath of pine— A poem lit with golden flame; High tangled bird notes keenly thinned— Like flying colors on the wind. No day has ever failed me quite— Before the grayest day is done, I come upon some misty bloom, Or a late line of crimson sun. Each night I pause—remembering Some gay, adventurous lovely thing." —Anonymous.

November 30th, 1930.

Topic—Our Responsibility to Spread the Gospel. I Cor. 9:16; Rom. 1:14-16.

A full realization of our responsibility is so overwhelming, that many of us dare not think too long about it. The awful burden of it is too great. When we think of the terrible need and the few there are to meet the need, we are brought face to face, with our responsibility. God help us to be careful to do all we should do.

We as a Christian Endeavor organization have felt the responsibility. There are 2,000 Christian Endeavor Societies in India, and China has 2,500. Christian Endeavor has about 80,000 societies in nearly one hundred denominations, and is found in practically every country on the globe. We give annually thousands of dollars to help Christian Endeavor in foreign lands. It is one great means of breaking down interdenominational hatred.

So the good work of evangelizing goes on, and so long as we feel our responsibility and work toward spreading the gospel, so long will God bless our efforts.

December 7th, 1930.

Topic—The Best Christmas Gifts. II Cor. 8:1-5.

Is it not the spirit of the giving, rather than the gift itself that is the real gift?

The spirit of true giving is not ostentatious, full of display, but is simple, serious, happy.

Christmas gifts are best when:
Creating JoyIsa. 61:1-7
Showing KindnessZech. 7:8-10
Cheerfully GivenActs 11:27-30
Given in WorshipPs. 43:1-5
Given in Good WillLuke 6:27-36

The spirit of Christmas is seen in the beauty of the sun, in gentle courtesies, and tender love and alert thoughtfulness.

"Gold brought the wise men to a King, Our gold we offer Him today, For Him, relieve the suffering, For Him, bring back the wandering, For Him, the bitter grief allay."

SPRINGBROOK

Springbrook has no notion of hibernating through the winter.

At a recent meeting, \$26.00 was quickly raised among the Endeavorers, for our Missionaries in Bolivia.

Though we miss Irene Brown, we are glad to have her in Portland Bible Institute again this year.

The young people are showing a deep interest in the Sunday evening services, four of them having recently experienced the joy of salvation.

Some good old-fashioned husbands and wives are still among us. As an evidence, we cite the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mills, which they, with their brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren, celebrated October 14th, at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Haworth, who, before their removal to California, were our old "stand-bys," are back visiting friends and relatives.

On October 12, our new President, Wilmer Brown, arranged an original presentation of the Christian Endeavor lesson which he broadcasted over station S. Y. P. C. E. Atmospheric conditions were favorable, reception good, and static reduced to the minimum.

Mr. C. E. Business and Miss Merry Fun, were united at the R. S. Newby home, October 2nd, at 7:30 p. m. The eighteen close friends and relatives present enjoyed a most delightful evening, and left anticipating many happy returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg are pleased with the prospect of having their daughter and family, the Carl Miller's, as close to them as Newberg. They are coming from California to take the pastoral charge of our sister church.

Aunt Cora's Column

TEMPTATION

"I feel so ashamed of myself, Aunt Cora," Bob exclaimed in disgust, flinging himself into a chair. "I was tempted last night and I yielded."

"Yes," Aunt Cora said encouragingly, "Want to talk about it?"

"No, I don't," Bob said frankly, "But honest confession, you know, is good for the soul and besides I can't quite understand yet how I happened to fall."

"You see, it was this way. We were at a party at Helen Ritchie's house Saturday evening. I took Doris Pore, she's that new girl that moved here from Iowa, remember. Well, Tom was bragging as big as ever to her about his wonderful voice and the offers he has had, etc., you know how disgusting he can be, Aunt Cora."

Aunt Cora smiled, "Yes, I know all about him, Bob."

"Of course, he picked on Doris, because all the other girls know him too well and don't pay much attention to him. She fell for him right away and hung onto his words as if he was a hero."

Betty giggled. "It sure left you standing in the cold, Bob," she said.

"I didn't care so much," Bob said loftily, "Only I hated to see a nice girl like Doris get taken in by the big blow. Anyway, here's the part I'm ashamed of. Something tempted me and I started telling all the jokes on Tom I could think of; about the time he went to the city and bragged around after he came home about singing over the radio and we found out afterwards that he had tried for a place but they told him to go home and sing the baby to sleep, that was all his voice was good for. Oh, I showed him up all right. He slunk away like a whipped dog and I felt like one."

Bob looked so miserable that Aunt Cora put her hand lightly on his arm.

"I know just how you feel, Bob," she said. "Those times come to us all."

"But why didn't I keep my mouth shut?" Bob said. "It seems to me if I was living as close to the Lord as I say I do, I wouldn't ever have yielded to temptation as I did."

"You spoke too quickly, I think," Aunt Cora said thoughtfully. "Do not be discouraged, but try and remember this whenever you feel tempted again, quickly say to the Lord, 'Lord, help me just now,' and He will."

"It seems so hard for me to pray unless I'm in church or at home alone in my room."

"I understand that too," Aunt Cora went on, "But we must learn that Jesus is always near and we can find him instantly. There is not always time to wait until we are alone. Then, it would be too late, the crisis would be past. Sometimes we have instantaneous decisions to make. Learn to turn to Him instantly anywhere and any time."

"I will, Aunt Cora," Bob said with fervor, "And now comes the hard part. I feel I must go and apologize to Tom and Doris both. I surely am getting paid for my slip."

"Perhaps it won't be as bad as you anticipate," Aunt Cora encouraged, "Remember, the Lord has gone before."

Betty jumped up from her seat by the fireside and gave Aunt Cora a hug. "There's one thing Bob and I are surely thankful for this Thanksgiving," she said, "And that is you, Aunt Cora. I don't know how we'd get along without a friend like you."

"That's what friends are given us for," Aunt Cora smiled.

TO IDAHO WITH THE TAMPLINS

Thirteen hundred miles in two weeks! Five monthly meetings visited, eleven public services held besides many private interviews. This is the skeleton report of the recent missionary tour of the Tamplins and the Yearly Meeting Superintendent.

Leaving Portland Thursday morning September 9, we arrived at Greenleaf Friday afternoon in time to get located for the night. Ever known for her hospitality Boise Quarterly Meeting proved once more that she knows how to make her visitors feel at home. Incidentally the duck and pheasant season was in full swing and that made it more exciting than usual for the game is plentiful over there and our good friend Calvin Choate organized a Farmer's Gun Club while he was pastor at Greenleaf and it is still functioning almost 100 per cent as we can testify, for scarcely a day passed but that some hunter proved his prowess and we tested his welcome around his board.

Saturday morning found us ready to go to Valley Mound where the Russells have recently moved to take charge of that meeting. The occasion of this meeting on Saturday was a Quarterly Meeting Conference which meets each year at either Melba or Valley Mound. The services of this conference were turned over to us and the Lord was graciously present in both morning and afternoon meetings.

That evening the pictures of the Bolivian field were shown at Star and Carroll Tamplin spoke of the prospects there. Sunday morning the time was

divided between the Superintendent and Doris Tamplin, the blessing of the Lord was upon Doris as she told the story of their call to the mission field and of the doors that closed and opened before they finally were settled upon Bolivia as their life work.

That evening we traveled back to Greenleaf where the services of the morning at Star were repeated and the challenge of the work that is before us as a Yearly Meeting was presented by the Superintendent followed by the story of their call, given by Doris. Much interest was stimulated in each of the meetings and as the needs for equipment were presented a ready response was given. At the close of this service a man came forward and said, "I haven't a cent but I have a good saw, and I want it used in Bolivia." Afterwards we learned that he was not a member of Friends but was impressed with the service.

The Greenleaf Ladies' Missionary Society notified us that they were going to secure the Billhorn organ which news was received with thanksgiving and rejoicing, and the first payment was hastened on to secure one at special sale price. The Star Sunday school are sending supplies printed in Spanish to the Sunday School. This will make it so much easier for Juan as they have been depending on second hand supplies sent from the States and printed in English. One family in Star made it possible for Carroll to have a new typewriter, and a beautiful rug will adorn one of the floors of the Tamplin home when they set up housekeeping.

Monday night the pictures were shown to a large audience in the Greenleaf church and questions were asked that showed a real desire on the part of the members to better understand the work in Bolivia. Wednesday evening we returned to Valley Mound to show them the pictures. Then from that time until Saturday evening the party rested. Saturday night found us in Boise where Clayton Brown has assumed pastoral duties, filling the place made vacant by the resignation of William Murphy. Here we were received in a hearty manner and in the Sunday morning service when the pledge cards were presented they were surprised at the results, as an unusual amount was pledged for the work.

Sunday evening we attended the Melba meeting where Clark Smith is pastor. Again the Lord blessed us in the presentation of the challenge of the work and the interest reached a point where they decided to send ALL of their

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missionary money in at ONCE! (Every monthly meeting please take notice). Monday night the pictures were shown for the last time in Idaho; each meeting had been privileged to see them, and to meet the Tamplins in our short stay in that Quarter. Tuesday morning found us on our way by 6:30 and Wednesday noon we were home again rejoicing that His kind providences had protected us from the dangers of such a trip.

Before this article comes to a close I must make an appeal to the meetings to respond in a greater measure to the financial need at this time. An investigation of the treasurer's books reveals the fact that we need over \$700.00 in cash in order to secure passage for the Tamplins. Several of the meetings are holding sums of money waiting until they are larger. PLEASE don't do this; send it in AT ONCE, as we must have it within the next few weeks if we are to get the Missionaries off at the proper time.

Pray that the response to this appeal be made quickly and gladly; there is no doubt about the money finally coming, but we need it NOW. Bolivia is waiting for us to bring her the story of the Christ of the resurrection, will we keep her waiting longer? God forbid.

CHESTER A. HADLEY.

If the light that is in you become darkness, your moral judgment shall go into eclipse.

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Vancouver	5.00	5.00
Scotts Mills	10.00	10.00
Sherwood	5.00
Middleton	4.00	2.50
	\$232.00	\$154.18

TO SOCIETY REPORTERS

An explanation is due our Society Reporters for the omission of the Society news this issue. All notes, except Springbrook which came in later, were lost in the process of being mailed from the Society Editor to the Associate Editor, where it is assembled with other matter for the printer. There are a number of Swansons in Portland, and some of them do not value the importance of our news matter, for we have been unable to recover any of it. This is the first time this has happened and it is not probable that it will happen again for a long time, so do not be discouraged. Society Reporters. Send in your items for next month and possibly you will want to include some which should have been in this month.

Look for the new address of the Society Editor in the Subhead.

J. E. S.

An audience consists of those who hear; a congregation is composed of those who gather. The congregation is usually larger than the audience.

Make but few explanations; the character that cannot defend itself is not worth vindicating.—F. W. Robertson.

The worst deceived man is the man who deceives himself. We deceive and flatter no one by such delicate artifices as we do our own selves.

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