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The Friendly Endeavor

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January, 1929.

YOUR CASTLE

Do we stand among the ruins of our own efforts as the gloom of the night engulfs us, just as the child sobbingly gazes upon the wreckage of his castle of blocks? The dawn comes and the child has forgotten the failures of yesterday. He is bubbling with enthusiasm, life, courage and hope. What cares he for yesterday? Today is before him—he will build again.

And, for us, the dawn. What of the ruins, what of the wreckage, what of the mistakes, what of the failure, what of the sorrows, what of the tear stains? Take heart, smile—'tis the New Year! It brings hope, courage, enthusiasm, ambition; hope which beckons us on, new courage to try again, enthusiasm which forgets the old and joyfully anticipates the new, ambition to finally attain. And so to our task, we will pick up the blocks—we will build again. Following more closely the plan of the Master Architect, we will build again.

Scarcely had the flames died down nor the breezes carried away the smoke before the stout-hearted pioneer of old Chicago cleared away the wreckage of that destructive fire and began to build again. So great was his determination, so heroic his purpose, that the city, which he built magnificently surpassed its predecessor. So amid the shattered dreams and ambitions which gleamed so brightly but a year ago, we must display the great heroism of character and build again more nobly than before.

How happy that in the omniscient providence of God he saw it wise to give us a New Year—a new opportunity, another start, new hope and courage.

How joyfully we approach the New Year, if we have built well during the old, but stray not—build better. List to the words of Holmes:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul.

As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from Heaven with a dome
Till thou at length art free,
more vast,

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's
unresting sea!

Build again, my friend, build again."
Walter P. Lee, Pres.

TIME

Time is money—we have no right to waste it.

Time is power—we have no right to dissipate it.

Time is influence—we have no right to throw it away.

Time is life—we must value it greatly.

Time is God's—He gives it to us for a purpose.

Time is a sacred trust—we must answer for every moment.

Time is wisdom—we have no right to be ignorant.

Time is preparation for eternity—we must redeem it.

—Selected.

A MESSAGE FOR YOU.

Thank you one and all for the noble support you gave The Friendly Endeavor during the past year. You have all responded in a splendid manner. We hope you have liked The Friendly Endeavor and we will appreciate any suggestions for the improvement of the paper during the coming year.

Below we are giving the quota for each society for 1929. If every society does its part, we will be able to just pay expenses, so please don't fail us. Again, let us suggest that the time to pay up is at the beginning of the year, so that you won't have to worry about it the remainder of the year.

There is still about \$20.00 due from last year. May we ask that those societies which have not paid all their quota for 1928, do so yet, for the paper needs the money and then it would be great to have 100 per cent.

Society	Quota
First Friends	\$35.00
Piedmont	20.00
Second Friends	15.00
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South Salem	10.00
Melba	5.00
Rosedale	5.00
Greenleaf	20.00
Star	15.00
Boise	10.00
Newberg	10.00
Springbrook	12.00
Chehalem Center	8.00
Tacoma	10.00
Entiat	8.00
Valley Mound	5.00
Vancouver	5.00
Scotts Mills	12.00
Bethany (Seattle)	5.00
Total	\$220.00

MY DOORS

By Ida G. Nichols
(Rev. 3:8, 20)

Before two secret doors I stand:
One, opened by the Master's hand,
Will lead to paths unknown;
The other, tightly barred and locked,
At which the Saviour long has knocked
Will yield to me alone.

The door which opens from within
Must swing wide open unto Him
And give Him entrance free.
Then He'll come in, my life to bless,
In all His winsome loveliness,
And sup and talk with me.

And through that other door He'll lead
My steps; and all my need
Will be by Him supplied;
O'er paths of selfless service then
I'll go, to tell my fellow men
Of Christ, the Crucified.

Lord, grant that grace be given me
To open wide my heart to Thee
And make Thee welcome there.
Then lead me through the open door
Which none can close forevermore,
To serve Thee—anywhere.

QUIET HOUR FOOD

By BELL G. BADLEY

Christian Endeavor Topics

January 13, 1929

Topic—"Loving as Jesus Loved."
John 13:1-17.

If Jesus had been asked for His favorite topic for a Christian Endeavor lesson no doubt He would have said "Love."

Perhaps one of the greatest miracles He performed for us is to give us love for the unlovely.

Real love is manifested in service without thought of return.

You cannot do anything but harm with hate, and you cannot harm anyone by love.

If I love as Jesus did, I will do it

By forgiving—Matt. 6:14-15.

By forbearing—Col. 3:12-17.

By serving—John 13:1-15.

By patience—Luke 22:31-34.

By unselfishness—Rom. 9:1-5.

By sacrifice—John 15:12-16.

January 20, 1929.

Topic—"Seeing the Good in Men Everywhere."
John 1:45-51.

It seems very difficult sometimes to see good in some people. Their behavior speaks so loudly of sin within. They teach such wrong doctrine, and display such anti-Christ spirit that we can hardly detect any good.

However, with the love that we talked about last Sunday, we can find good in almost everyone. In what class of people did Jesus seem to fail to recognize any good?

Dr. Coke said, "Love is always ready to think the best; to put the most favorable construction on anything; is glad to make all the allowance for human weakness that can be done without betraying the truth of God."

Let us try to get the other's view point and find as much good as we possibly can in everyone.

January 27, 1929.

Topic—"How can we serve the World through our Church."
Acts 13:1-3.

We might also ask, "Why is it better to serve the world through the Church than otherwise?"

The Christian Endeavor Society has long recognized the value of working through the church. In fact one of the aims of the Christian Endeavor is to prepare young people for the world's service in answer to the call of the church.

We can serve the world through the church by

1. Answering the call of Christ.
2. Upholding the truth.
3. Supporting foreign missionaries.
4. Evangelistic spirit at home.

As Friends, we have the gospel of Peace to preach to all nations. Our church is unique in this stand on war.

The world at large will accept the message from the Quaker Church, more readily than from anyone of us as individuals.

February 3, 1929.

Topic—"The Challenge of Christ to the Youth of the World."
Matt. 10:16-42.

It is a real challenge to our young people to be able to choose right from wrong these days. Much that seems wrong may in reality be perfectly safe and right. Much that has a surface appearance of right, may prove to be false and wrong. Give examples.

It is a challenge "to do whatever Christ would have us do." We must have the very spirit of God in us to do this.

A challenge to the Christian Endeavorers of the world is to break down international hatred, and to "preach the gospel to every creature."

The young people have the challenge of Christ to a life of prayer, to proper conduct in social life, to church loyalty and to real Christian culture. But praise God, our youth in Oregon Yearly Meeting are courageously meeting the challenge.

SOCIETY NOTES

STAR C. E.

We have just closed a very successful Evangelistic campaign. Rev. A. J. Fryhoff of Columbus, Ohio, was the evangelist in charge. His Spirit filled messages brought deep conviction. The power of God gripped hearts and many prayed through to definite victory. In some instances confession and restitution was made, and such souls were amply rewarded for walking in the light. We have abundant evidence that "God answers prayer Today." There was a liberal offering for the Evangelist. God has verified His promise, in "lifting up a standard against the enemy." There were fifty-two who were seekers for pardon, purity or both. As we attempt to recount the blessings of these services our hearts are humbled and encouraged. As we look up to the giver, we cry out with joy "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

PIEDMONT C. E.

Who doesn't enjoy a good taffy pull—providing a lame arm, blistered hands or aching teeth aren't included? Such an event was held at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Campbell, in Sellwood, where the Christian Endeavor was invited for the evening, on Friday, December 7th. We had games, a taffy pull, delicious refreshments, and the evening closed with singing and prayer.

A letter has been received from Walter and Geneva Bolitho written from Hongkong, where they stopped over en route to Nowgong, India. About half their trip was completed, and they were eagerly awaiting the rest of the journey which would bring them to their destination. We continue to remember them in our prayers, and ask God's hand of protection and blessing over them.

The Endeavor prayer meetings continue in interest and originality of preparation. We were glad to have Mildred Hadley, of First Friends Church, as our leader recently, and she gave us a splendid meeting. Milo Ross and Jessie Plowman have also had good meetings lately.

The December business meeting was held at the home of Leone Burns. The business session was a bit informal due to the fact that a kid party was in the offing, and as soon as the meeting adjourned, the main event of the evening, a school program, took place. The program was varied and amusing, as were also the costumes and "children." Denver (Augustus) Headrick was a picturesque (and naughty) youngster, and "Percival Algernon" Lee from Boston was quite a favorite with the girls. Each child brought their lunch in bucket, basket or bag and after the noon recess, and a few more games, school dismissed and the party was over.

MELBA C. E.

Our society continues to thrive, though we have not added any new members this month, however, about six were accepted into membership at the two previous meetings.

We have been enjoying excellent socials. The last one was held at the Anderson home, a "hard times" party being the order of the evening. Prizes were given for the best costumes and best "hard luck" story.

While cranking a car, Ralph McClintock had his arm broken.

Marshall Eichenberger, who has been employed by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company at Boise, has been promoted. He is now in Detroit studying further into that line of work.

BOISE C. E.

The Christian Endeavor social for November was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stephens. It was a jungle party. The rooms were appropriately decorated with shrubbery in which "wild animals" were concealed. The men were required to do the shooting while the ladies "bagged" the game. Passports and hunting licenses were procured in an amusing manner. A man was accidentally shot, which necessitated a trial by jury and an injury to a small dog resulted in a lecture on "humane education." The business meeting was called to order by our president, at which time we discussed our new Christian Endeavor chart. At the end of the game hunt, refreshments were served by the social committee.

FIRST FRIENDS C. E.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving everyone brought a donation of things to eat to Sunday School. These were divided into nine boxes and taken to poor families. The Junior Endeavor Society also made up a box.

Union Thanksgiving services were held in the Congregational church and Dr. DuBois, pastor of the Laurelhurst United Presbyterian, brought a wonderful message.

The Ladies Aid held a mission study class in connection with their monthly business meeting. They are studying

"Friends of Africa" an exceedingly interesting book and well worth anyone's reading.

Sunday evening, November 25, the choir brought the message in song. The attendance was good and the music better.

Pastors of the city exchanged pulpits the Sunday morning of December 2 and Chester Gates, pastor of the East Side Evangelical Church, brought us a stirring message.

Quarterly meeting was held in our church this time and every session was full of blessing and inspiration. The temperance committee had charge of Saturday night and Rev. Close showed his pictures. We had a splendid Union service on Sunday evening, at which time Gladys Hadley gave a stirring account of their work in Kelso. Enough money was raised to pay for the needed repairs on their church.

The influenza has made its inroads on our congregation, but we are glad to report everyone is getting along as well as could be expected.

ROSEDALE C. E.

Revival services were held during the Christmas holidays with Glen Rinard and Charles Beals from Idaho in charge. Members of the Christian Worker's League from Salem and Portland gave valiant support by presence, prayer and special singing.

We are enjoying our new songbooks "Waves of Glory" very much, and are trying to learn many new songs.

A short time ago a special collection was taken for Carol and Doris Tamplin, in the Sunday School. We were glad to be able to send \$10 to them.

Miss Helen Cammack spent Christmas vacation at home. She is matron at N. P. E. I. this year.

SCOTTS MILLS C. E.

The November business meeting and social was held at the home of E. Worth Coulson, Friday evening, November 30.

Maurice and Earl Deane and children have at last arrived in our midst, after having been delayed in California for a week with the "Flu." We are glad to have them at home with us again.

Several of our number have been on the sick list of late.

Aletha Allen is assisting in Revival meetings in Washington. She reports that they are having good meetings and several converts.

KELSO C. E.

An interesting contest between the Reds and Yellows is causing a great deal of merriment as well as increasing the attendance in our Sunday School. Two points are given for being present, three points for being on time, and new members 10 points. At present the Reds, with Walter C. Cook as captain, are in the lead by 18 points over the "Yellows" with Mr. Geiger as their leader.

During the last session of Portland Quarterly Meeting, about \$77 was raised to help finish our church building. The Kelso people have given a like amount and as a result, we now have the plaster board on and hope to have the work completed in another month.

SECOND FRIENDS C. E.

It's a bit late, but to those who may not have heard yet, we are happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. J. Alden White are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Lois Virginia, born November 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Armstrong have a daughter, born December 29th.

Our Christmas exercises and music were given Friday evening, December 21st. We enjoyed a very good program.

The Womens' and Mens' adult Bible classes of the Sunday School, gave a surprise party at the home of Inez and Alison Rogers, January 2nd, in honor of Grandpa and Grandma Ramsey's 60th wedding anniversary.

Our revival meetings will start January 25th, with Fred Suffield as evangelist. We are looking forward to good meetings, and ask an interest in your prayers.

Aunt Cora's Column

Dancing

"Aunt Cora," Betty said, "I want to ask you frankly is it wrong to dance?"

"We have been taught dear," Aunt Cora began slowly, but Betty interrupted her.

"No Aunt Cora, you tell me what you think. Why should we leave it to others to decide these things for us. Do they know more about it than we do? It doesn't condemn it in the Bible. That would be decisive. But why do the ministers and elders in the church take the privilege of deciding things for the rest of us?"

"Because Betty they are wise and good," Aunt Cora said gently. "We let great statesmen make our laws and we obey. We let great teachers tell us what to and how to study that we may become educated and we obey them. We let great doctors tell us how to safe-guard our health and we obey them. We let the leaders in all professions tell us what to do, where to go, what to eat and what to wear—and we obey. We might trust those who live close to the Lord a little—don't you think?"

"But Aunt Cora, dancing is such a simple thing and so natural. It is just moving to music, that is all. Soldiers love to march to a drum, children prance to the music of the band. It is human nature."

"Well, dear, if you want to move to music, let Bob go up and down the streets beating a drum for you and you can march as much as you like," Aunt Cora said smiling.

Betty laughed heartily. "I'd like the other kind better," she confessed. "Then you truly think it is dangerous or wrong, or unwise, or something?"

"I have never danced myself Betty. There are many things I could do that would do me no harm and others no harm, but would I get pleasure enough out of the doing to make it worth my while? Suppose just one person should say, 'She is a vain and worldly woman. I cannot go to her in my trouble.' If one person should say that of me, I would consider I had paid too big a price for the little amusement. It is one of the things we give in return for the badge of Christianity my dear—I for one am willing to give it. It is the one big talent of our profession—the talent of giving up."

"So I must never dance any more you think?" Betty queried.

"I have put it to you squarely and when anything is put squarely on your own shoulders, you straighten up and carry it without flinching," Aunt Cora answered. "This is your problem—find the answer yourself."

"Oh, you naughty Auntie," Betty pouted, "Now I can blame it on no one but myself and I did so want to sympathize with myself and say, 'I can dance wonderfully but Aunt Cora won't let me.' Well, I had already decided—I just wanted to find out what you would say."

OUR PRAYER

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more.

Let me be, when I am, feary
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver,
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be.

Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.

—Selected

If you wish to win success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.—Addison

Did you ever try fighting the devil with fire? You found him hard to defeat in that kind of duel. He was more at home with that weapon than you were—maybe.

"As a mere literary monument, the English version of the Bible remains the noblest example of the English tongue."—J. R. Green.

"There is no solid basis for civilization but in the Word of God"—Daniel Webster.

When you do not know what to say it is usually better to say nothing.

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EDITORIAL

The past few weeks have seen busy days in the business houses. One wonders why they do not relax a little after the rushing season just past. But such a time, when the world is demanding less from them is a good time to take inventory—find out just what is on hand, what they have sold—and what they need to replenish.

The new year is already upon us. Have we stopped long enough to let God take inventory of our soul's condition? How much of a stock of spiritual grace do we have on hand now? How much have we given to others? Have we kept our hearts replenished every day or do we find ourselves with the shelves of our hearts almost bare of joy, kindness, unselfishness, and love? God wants to send the supply daily that nothing will ever be "out of stock" when people come to buy of our influence and strength. Isaiah once said to Hezekiah, "What have they seen in thy house?" While he meant the literal palace, yet the same question may come to each individual heart. Friends are continually looking to us for help. What have they seen? That which disappoints them or that strength of character which encourages and strengthens them? As we allow God to take inventory of our souls, let us face every fact squarely and allow Him to fill our hearts in just the way

He desires. Then if we are careful to allow Him to replenish every day throughout the year, success according to heaven's rule, will be ours. May the "enriching" which God alone can give come to every Endeavorer in Oregon Yearly Meeting this year!

ALL THINGS

- Out of the "all things" which He giveth us
Take thou the good thou needest most today.
- Art fearful and despondent? Let His joy,
A stream of gladness, flow beside thy way;
- Art weak and weary? Lay hold on His strength,
And be at peace, and rest thee in His rest.
- Art baffled and perplexed? His wisdom waits
To solve thy problems; put it to the test.
- Art tired or in pain? Abundant life
Pours through thy veins its full, un-wearied power.
- What lackest thou? For every need of thine
He hath supplied an all-sufficient dower.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

All have come short of the glory of God. Prior to discovering this the child is innocent. When the light breaks in, choice must follow; and justifying faith must supply the place of childhood innocence.

If Jesus is "the way," then follow Jesus.

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