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Christmas Anthem

Calm on the listening ear of night,
Come heaven's melodious strains.
Where wild Judea stretches far
Her silver-mantled plains;
Celestial choirs from courts above
Shed sacred glories there;
And angels, with their sparkling lyres,
Make music on the air.

The answering hills of Palestine
Send back the glad reply.
And greet from all their holy heights
The Dayspring from on high:
O'er the blue depths of Galilee
There comes a holier calm;
And Sharon waves in solemn praise
Her silent groves of palm.

"Glory to God!" the lofty strain
The realm of ether fills;
How sweeps the song of solemn joy
O'er Judah's sacred hills!
"Glory to God!" the sounding skies
Loud with their anthems ring:
"Peace on the earth; good-will to men,
From heaven's eternal King."

This day shall Christian tongues be
mute
And Christian hearts be cold?
O catch the anthem that from heaven
O'er Judah's mountains rolled!
When nightly burst from seraph-harps
"The high and solemn lay—
"Glory to God; on earth be peace!"
—Heart & Life.

Immanuel

There are many stories of human interest which captivate and hold us; we recall them again and again with pleasure and inspiration, they stimulate our thoughts, stir our emotions, enlarge our sympathies and warm our hearts, but none hold such thrilling interest and beauty as the Christmas story, treasured alike by all, youth and age, wise and simple, rulers and people, yes even "All nations and kindreds and tongues and people," all cherish its grandeur and beauty. It is the day of all days: In a very real sense, the beginning of days, for at the Christmas event the very marking of time was changed. No other birth has so profoundly affected human history or so changed the destiny of the human race. There is no school of thought, no organized government, no department of civilization, no class of people which can be indifferent to the Incarnation. It means the consciousness that God is love—it means "Immanuel—God with us." Were the charm and inspiration its only benefit, it would still have meant much in the ennobling and uplifting of human thought and life.

But this is not all. The fact and manner of the appearance of Jesus sublime and wonderful as it was, was not an end in itself; rather, the means to an end. In the Scriptures which foretell His advent, the time, place and manner—there is also most clearly stated the purpose of His coming. Had He but come in a manner so marvelous and lived among us—the embodiment of "Grace and Truth," of Holiness and Power—even so, we might well be cele-

brating the time of His appearing, but when the great purpose of the incarnation becomes known to us—Ah, then, we are lost in wonder, love and praise.

His mission is implied and embodied in His matchless names. Many a name does He bear, all of significance, all "wonderful," expressing the mystery, wisdom, power and eternity of His deity. We have had our great and good of many lands and many ages who have benefitted the world by their service and sacrifice, who bear titles of honor and distinction, but there is One above every name, "And thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." No human benefactor has ever laid claim to the name of Saviour. This name sets forth the supreme purpose of Christ, in a manner which distinguishes Him from all others. He came to save His People from their sins—the deep root of all human evils—He came to deliver. He never lost sight of His mission. True. He went about doing good to the bodies and souls of men, comforting the sorrowing, healing the sick, cleansing the leper—yet with His face always toward Calvary. Here was accomplished His mission, the purpose of God was fulfilled—it was here He could say "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," and man's salvation was secured.

The climax of creation is reached and the highest glory of God is revealed in the Incarnation. It means that God is revealed and through it man is redeemed. "Oh! wonderful story of deathless love."

As we approach this season may we have a clearer understanding and deeper appreciation of its significance, and may Christ indeed be the center of our thought and the object of our adoration and worship.

IDA J. LEE

EDUCATION, THEME OF DISCUSSION

Practical Conclusions Made

The Education and Christian Endeavor departments were united for a Friday evening service at Salem Quarterly Meeting, November 16.

The program of the evening was: Congregational singing, led by Mrs. R. Wright.

Prayer by Edgar P. Simms.

Roll-call of Christian Endeavor Societies.

Welcome and introduction to the subject of Education—Laura Cammack.

Duet—Aletha Allen, John Trachsel.

Talk—"How the Lord Kept me true in High School"—Aletha Allen.

Talk—"How the Lord kept me true in College"—Walter P. Lee.

Solo—"But I Know"—John Trachsel.

Address—"The Christian Home and its Relation to Modern Education"—Bess Owens Runyan.

The address of the evening was an answer to the much discussed question, "What can the Christian Home do to fortify the young people so they will not be disturbed in their faith when they meet modernistic teaching?"

Examples of the anti-Christian teaching which is being given in schools were given from the present year assignments which classes are studying. The answer to the question of what the home can do to protect its youth, had been suggested by answers to a questionnaire given to quite a large group of Christian young people. These answers show that few of those who had had a regular family altar at home were disturbed by erroneous teaching, whereas of those who had not had such a place of worship, a large per cent were disturbed. Quite rightfully the conclusion was drawn that the regular family worship is something

parents can do which will be blessed of God in protecting and fortifying their children against the wiles of the enemy.

QUIET HOUR FOOD

By BELL G. BADLEY
Christian Endeavor Topics

December 9, 1928.

Topic—"How Should a Christian's Christmas Be Different?"
Luke 2:15; II Cor. 9:15.
What should a Christmas card be like to be the messenger of a Christian?
In what way are Christmas cards spoiled?
For Bible Study—
A Christian's Christmas should:
Create Joy—Isa. 61:1-7.
Show Kindness—Zech. 7:8-10.
Contain Worship—Ps. 43:1-5.
Include Giving—Acts 11:27-30.
Christmas is a time of joy, of praise giving, for it reminds us that God gave His best for us.
When we offer ourselves to Christ for the service of others, we show the true spirit of Christmas.
The spirit of Christmas is not ostentatious, full of display, but is simple, serious, happy. Jesus came to poverty. The big thing then is not glory, but love, and this is why the Christian's Christmas is different.

December 16, 1928.

Topic—"God's Christmas Gift to the World."
Luke 2:1-16.
Think of the happiest Christmas you ever had. Why was it the happiest? Was it because of something you received or something you gave?
God gave His choicest. Can we do less than give Him our best?
God's Christmas gift means a Saviour from sin; comfort in sorrow; songs for sadness; hope in despair.
Christmas means good will. It shows God's good will to man as the example of the good will men should show to one another. God sent His great gift as an example of the gifts we give to those we love, or to those in need.
"God 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."
—C. Burroughs

December 23, 1928.

Topic—"Worshipping Christ in Story and Song."
Luke 2:1-14.
Can you think of a subject that has been any more used in story, poem and song, than the subject of Jesus Christ Himself, or subjects pertaining to Him?
We always think of songs and carols at Christmas time. It is a time of joyous singing, which brings out a worshipful feeling in our hearts. Christ threw His spell on the shepherds and they were no longer their own. Life was not the same after the worship of that night.

"Now He that once in a manger lay, Still lives in the hearts of men, The world is keeping His Christmas day, As the wise men kept it then. For ever the Heavens shall ring with song, And ever the bells will chime, And this glorious day that has lived so long, Will live to the end of time."
—Edgar A. Guest.

December 30, 1928.

Topic—"Learning from Experience."
Eccles. 1:16-18; Ps. 37:25.
Life should teach us how not to do things as well as how to do them. Hence failure is really valuable if we allow it to be so. It is part of the road to success. We should never lose hope. No matter what mistakes we have made, we can come back. If one season is barren, the next may be a rich year.
The trouble is with some people, they won't learn by experience. It is said that the Bourbons never learned by experience. They made the same mistakes over and over again. That would mark them as foolish.
Experience should teach whether it is success or failure. Which has taught you the most?
What lesson have you learned in the past year? From your own experience? From another's experience?

January 6, 1928.

Topic—"Forces That Are Making the World Better."
Matt. 13:1-9.
Force is might, energy, power. What are the mighty things, the things of energy, the powerful things that are serving to better the poor old sin cursed world? The greatest force of all is the love of Jesus Christ. All others are to be products of that.
For Bible Study—
Service—I Cor. 15:58.
The Church—I Thess. 1:1-10.
Real Religion—Jas. 1:27.
Sacrifice—John 15:12-16.
The Bible—I Cor. 10:1-11.
The church is one of the mightiest forces in the world for good, with its several departments, the Sunday School and Young People's Societies.
The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is the dynamic force that has done more for individuals than any other one thing to endure them with power for doing things. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

SOCIETY NOTES

FIRST FRIENDS C. E.

Carrie Wood left October 22 for Ohio, where she is conducting a series of missionary meetings within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting. She expects to be gone six weeks or longer.
The pastor has just closed a week's series of meetings sponsored by the Christian Endeavor Society. While the results in actual numbers of people saved was not all we had hoped for, we praise the Lord for the timely messages and the blessing and inspiration we all received from them.

We are sorry to announce that Elwyn Gardner does not improve. He is still at the Multnomah County Hospital and needs our prayers. Although his body is racked with pain, he reports he has joy and peace in his soul.
Fifty-six Endeavorers of the city gathered at our church for dinner on Monday evening, November 10, after which followed a conference on departmental work. A large number gathered for the eight o'clock service at which Rev. Chester Gates spoke on Stewardship in a stirring message to the young people.

CHEHALEM CENTER C. E.

Some of our members attended the various sessions of the Yamhill County Christian Endeavor Convention recently held at the Newberg Presbyterian Church. Ruth Baker was chosen as the new county chairman of Tenth Legion work. We hope to gain many new members for this department in our society.
We miss our members who are absent: Edna Ralston and Evelyn Hodson are working in Portland; Bessie Ralston is attending Linfield College at McMinnville; Ruth Whitlock is again teaching near Springfield; and Ruth Baker is teaching in the Cipole school.
Edna and Helen Carter have recently returned from Wenatchee, Wash., where they were working in the apple harvest.
Our Endeavor, with Springbrook and several friends from Newberg were invited to a party November 1, at the home of Esther and Harold Hodson. The evening was spent in jolly games, during which walnuts were passed. Glenn Rinard's walnut revealed the announcement of the engagement of May Hintz and Harold Hodson. Congratulations! The hostess served delicious refreshments of cake and chocolate.

PIEDMONT C. E.

Peanuts, peanuts, who has the most peanuts? For to such a winner went the prize of the evening at our Hallowe'en party, held Friday evening, October 26th, at the home of Frances Jantzen. The fun started with an exciting nut hunt among the strewn leaves on the basement floor. The basement was lighted by myriads of grinning spooky pumpkin faces hanging all around the wall, and blinking weirdly. When all the nuts had been found, the party adjourned upstairs where the remainder of the evening was spent playing games. The playlet "The Gathering of the Nuts" was given, at least it was started, but most everyone was a bit loath to be in it when their name was announced. The evening came to a close when refreshments were served and everyone scattered in the direction of their homes.
The following new officers were elected at the regular monthly business meeting held in October: President, Florence Ritter; Vice-president, Alice Kimball; Secretary, Frances Jantzen; Treasurer, Louis Perry; Prayer-meeting chairman, W. Lee; Lookout, Alice Kimball; Missionary, Lois George; Pastors' Aid, Minnie Perry; Decorating, Hazel Thomas; Social, Harriett Booher; Advertising, Milo Ross; F. E. Reporter, Mildred Raymond; Pianist, Leone Burns; Song Leader, Edith Riggs. We

are expecting a good year ahead, and pray God's blessing on these new executive officers, and our Endeavor as a whole.
The Children's Meeting which has been such a source of blessing and interest among the children of the neighborhood, has been started again for the winter, and the good attendance at the opening meetings prove the children's appreciation of these services.

SCOTTS MILLS C. E.

Our Christian Endeavor entertained about twenty-five young people from the various societies of Salem Quarter at a Hallowe'en social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brougher on Friday evening, November 2.
Laura and Albert Cammack visited our Christian Endeavor on Sunday evening, October 21.
Aletha Allen and E. Worth Coulson attended the Christian Endeavor Executive meeting at Portland, November 10. John and Esther Brougher spent Sunday, October 28, with his parents.
Students from N. P. E. I. held their first week-end conference of the season, in Scotts Mills, November 3 and 4. God's blessing was upon the service and His presence was especially felt in the platform meeting.

STAR C. E.

Six carloads of our Endeavorers drove the seventeen miles to the home of our social committee chairman, Beryl Traugher, on the evening of October 26, for a Hallowe'en social. The prizes for the most unique costumes were awarded to "Patsy" and "Sambo," in other words, Ruth McCown and Winston Roberts. A good wholesome time was enjoyed by everyone.
Mr. J. J. Handsaker of Portland, regional director for the Near East Relief, spoke at our services Sunday evening, November 4. Our congregation has for the last two years, been supporting an orphan in the Near East. A special offering amounting to \$36 was taken that evening for this work.
Carol Heston is attending Links Business College in Boise, Idaho.
Frank and Pearl Bardwell spent a few days with their daughter, Lucile Phelan and husband at Minidoka.
Our pastors, the Matthews, and others have attended some of the revival services now in progress at Greenleaf. They report splendid meetings and

searching sermons. The evangelist is Albert J. Fryhoff of Columbus, Ohio.

SOUTH SALEM C. E.

A Hallowe'en social and business meeting was held in the church basement, October 26th. A very jolly evening was spent by some thirty-five or forty young people.
The following were elected as new officers for the coming year: Louise Leire, President; Alfred Haworth, vice-president; Gladys Wright, secretary-treasurer; Carol Keyser, Prayer-meeting chairman; Carl Pemberton, Missionary; Alfred Haworth, Lookout.

MELBA C. E.

We are glad to report that our society is on the increase, several new members being received just recently.
The social committee is proving to be very efficient in their capacity of fun producers. The unanimous report on our last social was "an excellent time was had by all."

BOISE C. E.

The Sunday School has been divided into two sides, the Chinese and the Africans. This is to increase the attendance, the losers having to treat the winners. At present the Africans are ahead.
Our October monthly business meeting and social was held at the home of Miss Beryl Hedrick. There were some games enjoyed before the business meeting was brought to order. We had with us, Miss Lottie Smith, who gave a short talk on the convention, which was held at Rupert.

VANCOUVER C. E.

The C. E. business meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. White. The following officers were elected: President, Lillian White; Vice-president, Beulah White; Secretary, Thomas White; Treasurer, Rex Dakin; Corresponding Secretary, Luella Christopherson; Prayer-meeting chairman, Raymond Stone; Pastors' Aid, Crafton White; Missionary, Edward Christopherson; Lookout, Beulah White; Social, Mrs. Charles White.
A Sunday School business meeting was held recently at which time the Young Peoples class was organized with Mrs. Scotten as teacher. Our class name is "Loyal Sons and Daughters," and our motto, "II Tim. 2:15."

NORTH EAST TACOMA C. E.

Over forty young people attended the Hallowe'en party, held in the deserted Santee house, which was the first social planned entirely by the social committee.
At the last business meeting the society decided to use the budget system. On October 29, the executive committee met at the parsonage to make the proposed budget.

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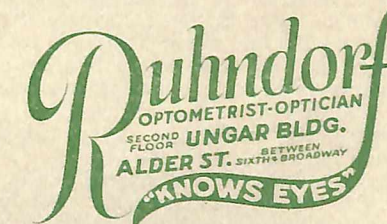
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Perry Brown, first vice-president and chairman of the prayer-meeting committee, is making special efforts to keep the society out of ruts. A steady increase in attendance at the regular meetings has been noted.

Aunt Cora's Column

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

"Oh dear!" sighed Betty dropping into the big arm-chair, "sometimes, I wish there never was a Christmas."

"I'm with you there, Betty," Bob said. "You haven't been decent to live with for the last two weeks."

"Well, I guess Robert Green, if you had as many people to give presents to as I have, and not much money to get them with, you'd be worrying too," Betty rejoined tartly.

"Why do you give so much then," Bob asked. "I don't and I have as many friends as you do."

"I wouldn't if I didn't have to," Betty answered with another sigh, "But when the girls all give to me, I have to give in return. I'd feel cheap if I didn't."

"There was a time in the history of our country when Christmas wasn't celebrated," Aunt Cora remarked.

"Was there really?" Betty asked, "when was that?"

"The Puritans early passed a law fining anyone five shillings for abstaining from labor or feasting on Christmas Day," Aunt Cora answered. "There is an amusing incident told about the early Pilgrims. They landed in December, 1620, you know, so that first year everyone worked on Christmas, but the next year, some of them rebelled. They said it was against their conscience to work. Governor Bradford allowed them to remain at home but when he returned he found the young men playing in the street 'pitching ye bar and such like.' In high dudgeon, he took away their games and put them to work, declaring it was against his conscience to see some play while others worked."

"I wonder what their objection was," Bob said, "I thought they were so religious."

"They considered Christmas a pagan festival. This was the time of year the ancient Romans held their feast of 'Saturnalia' in honor of the return of

the sun. When the Christians chose this time for their celebration of Christ's birth, there was much objection. In the year 303, about 20,000 Christians were burned in churches where Christmas was being celebrated."

"I'd hate to see the day abolished, of course, but I do wish our giving could be simpler."

"The custom of giving gifts on Christmas arose from the fact that Christ was the great gift of God to the world. If one can do nothing more, he can at least give Christmas greetings to his friends. It is a beautiful custom, but we have run it into the ground. I'm afraid and much of the significance of the day is gone. Betty why don't you talk frankly to your friends. Tell them you can't afford to give expensive presents and would appreciate it if they didn't give so to you. I know lots of people feel the same way, but give because they feel they must."

"I will," Betty said decidedly. "I know the other girls cannot afford it any better than I."

"A little gift given with love will be cherished and its sender remembered longer than a big gift given for looks," Aunt Cora ended. "A hearty 'Merry Christmas, God bless you,' is worth a dozen expensive presents grudgingly given."

HAVE YOU ENJOYED?

the twelve issues of The Friendly Endeavor this year at the expense of someone else? Who wants to be a parasite? There is still \$48.50 due the paper on this year's quota. Does your society owe some of that? We are so near the goal, let's do the unprecedented and pay up 100 per cent this year.

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