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# The Friendly Endeavor

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## MEMORIES OF TWIN ROCKS

The Inspirational Hours conducted by Homer L. Cox were times of great blessing and profit. Each theme was uniquely presented and many statements impressive in the original expression of some truth—will long remain fresh in the memories of his hearers. The first hour found its subject "Scarecrows" in the familiar parable of the talents and in particular the verse: "And lo, I was afraid and went and hid thy talent" (Math. 25:25). Brother Cox explained that there were scarecrows in the home life, in the social life, in the business life and in the spiritual life. He dealt with the latter phase. Following is a brief synopsis in outline, together with some of the more interesting comments of the speaker:

### (A) The one talent fellow scared out by:

1. His own littleness.
  - (a) Preferred to do nothing, rather than anything so little.
  - (b) "It's just as wicked to think too little of yourself as to think too much of yourself."—H. L. C.
2. Unfavorable circumstances.
  - (a) Home influence.
  - (b) Associates.

"It is cowardly to run from our environments."
3. Misconception of his master:
  - (a) A hard Master, ("I knew thee—a hard man).
  - (b) A severe God.

A caricature of His true nature.
  - (c) A "long-faced" God.

"God created the laughing muscles as well as the tear glands."
4. Fear of Failure:
  - (a) Mixed with pride.
  - (b) The biggest failure, not to try.
  - (c) Seeming failure often the biggest success.
    - i. e. Men said Christ was a failure.

### (B) Results of Scarecrow:

1. Lost opportunity to invest.
2. Lost his capital, his talent.

"You must use—or lose."
3. Met with final rejection.

"Unprofitable servant cast out."

### (C) Remedy:

1. Use a scarecrow:
  - (a) Indicative of some good thing.

"If I were a bird . . . I would thank a scarecrow for directing me to a strawberry patch."
2. Have faith in God.

"He has commanded—and I believe."
3. Have a pure heart.
  - (a) Will take out carnal fear.

(To be continued)

## HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING DAY

Moses, inspired by God Himself may be said to have been the originator of Thanksgiving Day, for the ancient Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was a harvest thanksgiving. It was so called because the people spent the eight days of the feast in booths of green branches in memory of their outdoor life in the wilderness. The feast was held in Octo-

ber. Every seventh year the Law was read in public during this feast. As a part of the feast in later times water was drawn from the Pool of Siloam, and, mingled with wine, was poured upon the sacrifices, which led our Savior on the last day of this feast to proclaim Himself the Water of Life.

The ancient Romans also had their harvest festival in honor of Ceres, the goddess of grain, and the Saxons also had their harvest home.

A famous thanksgiving service was held in Holland at Leyden, on October 3, 1575, on the anniversary of the dramatic and wonderful deliverance of that city from the Spaniards. The Pilgrim Fathers, coming to live at Leyden in 1608-20, must have heard of this thanksgiving and it may have suggested to them the festival which they afterwards established.

At any rate, in the autumn of 1621, after the first harvest was gathered in Plymouth Colony, the Pilgrims held a harvest festival which may be called the first Thanksgiving Day, though it does not seem to have been accompanied by any religious service, but to have been a day of rejoicing and merry-making.

The next Thanksgiving Day in New England history was held at Plymouth Colony in July of 1623. There had been a long drought, and it was feared that there would be no harvest, so a day of fasting and prayer was appointed; but after the people had come together for prayer the showers came to refresh the earth, so that the day was changed to a Thanksgiving Day. Similarly in Charlestown February 23, 1631, was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer for a ship with food supplies that was on the way but sorely delayed. The ship arrived, however, so that the day was transformed into one of thanksgiving.

The year before that, 1630, the Massachusetts Bay Colony observed a special Thanksgiving Day because of the arrival of Governor Winthrop with 800 colonists, and the same colony in June, 1632, observed Thanksgiving Day because the British Privy Council had taken action favorable to the colonists. On this occasion the Massachusetts Bay Colony invited the Plymouth Colony to join in the observance of the day.

The Massachusetts Bay Colony appointed Thanksgiving Days in 1632, 1634, 1637, 1638, and 1639, sometimes appointed two Thanksgiving Days in one year. Plymouth Colony appointed Thanksgiving Days in 1651, 1668, and 1680; by the last year the custom of an annual Thanksgiving Day seems to have been established in Plymouth. These Thanksgiving Days were appointed for specially designated reasons, most frequently for the arrival of ships with provisions and new colonists, but they came to be appointed as days of thanksgiving for the harvest; and though at first they were placed at any time of the year, they came to be set for the late autumn or early winter after the harvest was all in.

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## QUIET HOUR FOOD

By BELL G. BADLEY  
Christian Endeavor Topics

November 11, 1928

Topic—"What is being done for and against World Peace?"

Rom. 14:19.

For Bible Study—

Pray for peace—Ps. 122:1-9.

Real Warfare—Eph. 6:10-20.

Desire for Peace—Ps. 120:1-7.

Create Thoughts of Peace—Rom. 12:17-21.

The Society of Friends has done much and is still doing much toward war prevention. It was following what they believed to be Christian principles that made them declare themselves against war and refuse to countenance it in any form. It will be the same principles of Jesus put into practice that will bring peace on earth.

Herbert Hoover said, "The mobilization of a whole people into war, the inventions of science turned to destruction and the killing of men, will make any other great war the cemetery of civilization."

November 18, 1928

Topic—"What the Practice of Stewardship would mean to the world."  
Peter—4:7-11.

We are stewards of time, talent and money. Take an inventory of each. Exactly how much time have you spent this week in strictly religious work? How many times were your talents used strictly for Christ and the church? Just how much money did you give?

If all church members were real stewards, would we indeed see a new Pentecost? Would the gift of the Spirit be poured out in full measure?

Let us not be contented with mere nominal Christianity. Let us be real up-and-coming stewards of the King, alert, energetic, full of hope and faith.

November 25, 1928

Topic—Remember God! Eccles. 12:1; Ps. 103:1-5.

The true child of God likes to see His providences in the daily walks of life, and is ever on the watch to find evidences of His love and care in everyday matters.

How many there are who never think of God until trouble comes. Then when disaster overtakes them they suddenly remember that God exists. That isn't fair. We should keep God in mind always. Praise Him constantly for the blessings of life, and look to Him when sorrow comes, with confidence that He will help us.

Remember God's deliverance. Remember His leadings. Remember His justice, His Mercy and His Love.

For Bible Study—

Psalms 89:47.

I Chron. 16:12.

Psalms 20:7.

Isa. 43:26.

December 2, 1928

Topic—"What is our Reasonable Service?" Rom. 12:1-2.

Would it be reasonable to offer God anything less than our best? When He desired a lamb for a sacrifice, He demanded one without blemish.

A reasonable service requires—  
Fellowship—Luke 24:13-15.  
Training—John 5:19-20.  
Meditation—Ps. 19:14.  
Loyalty—Rev. 3:1-7.

The work of the Christian Endeavor is a "reasonable service." It creates interest in church work, in attendance, in financial matters, in foreign and home missions, in fact every service that may help to make the world better, and spread the gospel of full salvation. One Scotch society has sent out forty ministers and missionaries from its ranks, and another eighteen. That is genuine reasonable service.

## SOCIETY NOTES

### BOISE C. E.

Our monthly business meeting was held at the home of our pastor, Wm. Murphy. Following the business the rest of the evening was spent in games and music, at the close of which the social committee served refreshments. We were glad to have four visitors with us and hope that they will share more of our good times with us.

Our society is now working and planning for the Christian Endeavor Convention which will be held at Rupert this month.

The Perry Conference was greatly enjoyed by all of our eleven representatives. The class on Foreign Missions by Carrie Wood, and the Evangelistic services were a great inspiration to us. Though we didn't arrive in time for the weenie roast, yet we enjoyed all of the rest of the fun to the fullest extent. We are boosting for Perry and are ready to do our share to make it a better Conference next year.

### SCOTTS MILLS C. E.

Evangeline Kludas is now finishing her schooling at Asbury. She hopes to return to Japan after graduating.

Word has been received that L. Earl Deane and family will arrive in New York the 11th of October on their second furlough. They have been working under the Presbyterian board in West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Coulson are receiving congratulations on the birth of their son, Edgar Worth, Jr.

W. E. Allen and son Newton spent three weeks in Northern California this fall on their vacation. Dave Delano had charge of the work during his absence. Miss Raycraft, a graduate of Pacific College, is our assistant High School teacher this year.

Hazel Frazier is teaching school here this year and Ruth Kellogg is keeping house for her.

Our pastor, W. E. Allen has accepted the call to remain with us another year. Lila L. Brougher writes that she is enjoying her work in the Sheldon Jackson school in Sitka, Alaska, very much.

### PIEDMONT C. E.

We have been especially blessed with visiting missionaries the past few weeks, and our hearts have thrilled with the messages they brought us from their own experiences on the field. Mr. and Mrs. Carson Cox had the Sunday morning services on October 7th, and sailed the following Thursday for China. Lily Almqvist from the Central American mission gave a wonderful message on conditions and work in that section of the field, on Sunday evening of October 14th. We feel closer drawn to the great mission fields because of these intimate touches, and pray God's richest blessings on the faithful missionaries everywhere.

After the quiet of the summer months, the bustle and stir accompanying the opening days at N. P. E. I. are very welcome to Piedmont folk. The opening services are always a blessing and help to all who attend, and the church and the Endeavor extend hearty greeting to all students who would like to worship with us when not engaged elsewhere. Our doors are always open to you.

Say, won't it be fun to travel around and visit all our friends in the Yearly Meeting? That's what our Sunday School plans to do in the contest which is now in progress. Of course we only travel on a big chart, and our fun comes in trying to cover the most miles each Sunday, but it is a good way to get acquainted with the other Monthly Meetings, too. Something nice is in store for the winning class, and each class is striving hard to complete the trip first.

Our September C. E. business meeting was held at the home of Alice Kimble with about twenty-five present. Following the business session games were played and the gold C. E. pin which the Endeavor had promised to award to the member writing the Piedmont Conference song was given to Mrs. Raymond. Popcorn, apples and candy were served, and the meeting adjourned.

A very pleasant evening and, we believe, a genuine surprise was given in honor of Walter and Geneva Bolitho on Wednesday evening, October 3, at the home of our Pastors, Brother and Sister Lee. About thirty-five friends gathered and spent the evening with interesting games and a short program. The Bolitho's were presented with a gift from their friends, following which refreshments were served. Walter and Geneva Bolitho sailed from Vancouver, B. C., on October 11, for their new work in India. God grant that their lives and work there may prove the blessing that they have been among their friends at home.

Isn't it strange what perfectly good Quakers will do for the sake of argument? At a recent C. E. meeting a debate was arranged on the question, "Resolved, that Christians should vote." Denver Headrick upheld the affirmative nobly, giving us some good reasons why we should vote, and the aims of not voting. Then our good brother, Walter Lee amazed us all by proving before our very eyes that a Christian had no legal, moral nor scriptural right to vote and the judges gave him the decision! Just the same we are all going to vote—Walter too.

### FIRST FRIENDS C. E.

We have had several missionaries at our services the past month. Walter and Geneva Bolitho had charge of the Sunday evening service September 30th. They sailed for India on the same steamer as Carson and Vercia Cox, who had charge of the service on Sunday evening, October 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are returning to China. Lily Almqvist on her furlough from Central America spoke to us Sunday morning October 21. We surely enjoy these gracious privileges and pray the Lord's blessing upon them in their work.

Mr. J. E. Shimp, husband of Rebecca Shimp and father of Leah and Saonlea, was instantly killed at Seaside, Oregon, September 25th. We are glad for the testimony of his life among us, though quiet and unassuming, yet ever steadfast.

Our Rally Day program presented during the Sunday School hour, October 7, was one of the best ever presented by the school. This was the time of our annual graduation and several new classes were formed. Our Sunday School attendance is larger than it has been for years.

Our heating system has been thoroughly overhauled and a new furnace installed. We are looking forward to a warm comfortable building this winter. We feel it an occasion to praise the Lord because the money was all raised before the work started.

Walter and Gladys Cook have taken charge of the work at Kelso. While we miss them, we are glad they are in the Lord's work and He is blessing them. We were interested in seeing notes in these columns from them.

Our Junior Christian Endeavor society is beginning a successful year work we believe. They have an average attendance of thirty-five. During the social hour for September, several told of their vacations. Alma Ellis and Marcia Newlin are assisting Ethel George, the superintendent this year.

Our regular Christian Endeavor business meeting was held at the home of Mildred Hadley October 13th. At this time we decided to hold one week's revival services and called our pastor, C. A. Hadley, to be the evangelist. These meetings will be held November 11 to 18. Following the business session, games were played. A birthday cake was presented by Mrs. Hadley for those who had so celebrated in the last three months. Pieces of the cake were mailed to Elizabeth Hadley and Gerald Morrison, our two absent members, as they came in this group.

### STAR C. E.

The Junior Christian Endeavorers greatly enjoyed a social the latter part of September at the home of their superintendent, Edna Connor.

Waldo and Retha Jones spent a few days at the Jones and Heston homes on the way to their home near Twin Falls.

Under the new regime, each member of the music committee is responsible for special music for one Sunday. It is a fine plan and working quite well.

Raymond and Hilma Haworth were made happy Sunday morning, October 7, by the arrival of another little daughter, Gertrude Lera.

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When New York was New Netherlands, the Dutch governors appointed Thanksgiving Days in 1644, 1645, 1653, and 1664; and when it became New York, the British governors appointed Thanksgiving Days in 1755 and 1770.

Congress fixed a day of thanksgiving each year during the Revolutionary War, and in 1784 the country celebrated a thanksgiving for peace. In 1789 Congress requested President Washington to appoint a day of thanksgiving for the adoption of the national Constitution, and he did so. In 1795, when the Whiskey Insurrection in western Pennsylvania was suppressed, Washington appointed another day of thanksgiving.

When we had peace with England after the War of 1812, Congress asked President Madison to appoint a day of thanksgiving, which was celebrated in April, 1815.

New England in the meantime was the only part of the country where the governors issued annual Thanksgiving Day proclamations. New York took up the custom regularly in 1817. Governor Johnson of Virginia proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day in 1855, but Governor Wise, two years later, when asked to do the same, refused on the ground that it would be an interference of the State in matters of religion.

After Madison's Thanksgiving proclamation of 1815 there was no Presidential Thanksgiving proclamation till in 1862 Lincoln called for the observance of a day to return thanks for the Union victories of that year. Thus also a national Thanksgiving Day was observed in 1863 and 1864, and every year since the President has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, the custom being followed by the governors of the various States, and even sometimes the mayors of cities.

The date of Thanksgiving Day has become fixed by custom upon the last Thursday in November.

—Christian Endeavor World.

## Aunt Cora's Column

### GIVING

"Read this article Aunt Cora," Bob said handing her the paper and pointing to an item about a great philanthropist who had given a large sum of money to build schools and orphanages for poor

boys and girls. "I tell you that's a fine thing to do with your money."

"It surely is," Aunt Cora agreed. "Dr. Bonner is a good man."

"That's just what I would do if I were rich. I wish I had a lot of money to give," Bob sighed.

"Bob," Betty said coming into the room, "Haven't you a pile of magazines up in your room?"

"Yes," Bob answered, "I like to look them over once in a while."

"I wish you'd give them to me," Betty coaxed. "Our class is going to take some to several old people's homes Sunday and I promised to bring a bunch."

"No," Bob answered, "I don't want to give them away. They might come in handy some time."

"But you get more all the time," Betty pleaded.

"Bob is like the Irishman I heard about," Aunt Cora said with a twinkle in her eye. "Pat and Mike were always saying what they would do for each other. One day Pat says, 'If you had a million dollars would you give me half of it Mike?'"

"I would that!" Mike said heartily. "If you had a hundred dollars would you give me fifty?"

"Sure," returned Mike. "Well if you had two pigs, would you give me one of them?"

"Aw look here!" exclaimed Mike, "you know I have two pigs."

Betty laughed and Bob looked somewhat shamefaced.

"So many young people are apt to think of giving in terms of money," Aunt Cora continued, "And because they have no money to give they think they can't give anything. I remember a story I read of a boy who had nothing to present to the king on the king's birthday so he told the king, 'I have no gift to bring so I am giving you myself for a day.' The king gave him errands to do and he performed them so well that he kept the boy at his court. There are many ways we can give ourselves. Perhaps we can give a few hours to a sick friend or put in wood or help old people. Perhaps we can give ourselves to make needed calls or help the pastor."

"You're welcome to my magazines, Betty. I'll go get them right now. I didn't mean to be selfish," Bob said getting up to leave the room.

"Let's not forget the best gift of all," Aunt Cora said. "There is the King who wants us to give ourselves to Him so completely that we become His

children and call Him Father. If we do that, our lives will be lives of giving. We will be messengers of happiness, help, courage and cheer to all we meet."

The tuition in the school of experience is very high.

A Christian experience is not engraved on the face with a lip stick or with red paint.

Feet that are "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" are not draped with balloon trouser legs.

It is a good thing to remember that Christ promised to make us free FROM SIN, not free in sin. (Are you free?)

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#### EDITORIAL.

Marvelous has been the working of the Lord with the C. E. department of Oregon Yearly Meeting during the past year. Two Conferences have been blessed and owned of God, souls have been helped, and all of us know each other better and so are a more united family in God. Surely the memory of these blessings will continue to help us in coming days.

But let us not dwell on the past so much that it hinders development in the future. "Move forward" is always God's command to us. The winter is before us, full of possibilities for constructive work in our own lives and in the lives of others. Let those in school realize they are preparing themselves for enlarged usefulness in the future and so seek God's blessing upon every lesson. Ask God to help you get from every day's work just the things that will make you more efficient in your life-work, whatever it may be. You can pray such a prayer whether you know as yet what your life work will be or not. In the midst of all this thought of the future and preparing for it, you are now living your life either in the fullest way possible or with the thought of "getting by."

Those who have finished their schooling can rejoice in the thought that they now are putting into the life the very best they have and can seek God's rich blessing and direction upon them energetic, ambitious, faithful soul in a

every day. The Lord will reward the great measure. With the same blessing and power of God which made the summer a wonderful one, let us all make the coming winter one which we will long remember because of letting God have us in every part and every moment of our lives!

### CHRISTIAN WORKER'S LEAGUE.

We are glad to report victory in regard to the Camp Meetings at La-Grande, Oregon. We did not have a landslide of souls at the altar, but much good was accomplished, and eight souls were saved in the children's meetings. We are praying that a permanent work will be started there very soon.

We feel to praise the Lord for His many blessings, and care over us this summer. We have long ago quit saying "can it be done?" and have gone forth to, do it.

We are expecting to take the Gospel message to hungry souls during the winter by way of revivals. Some have already asked for workers. If you need help, such as we can furnish, let us hear from you.

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#### ONLY THIS ONCE

"O Lord, I pray Thee, strengthen me!—  
Only this once, O God!"  
Thus Samson sobbed his last sad plea  
'Twixt the pillars where he stood.  
And the Philistines, who were gathered  
there,  
Laughed at his blindness and mocked  
his prayer.

"Only this once!" The captive's cry  
Rang out above Philistia's roar;  
And the God of Pity who rules on high  
Strengthened his arm once more.  
Then Samson gripped the pillars tight,  
And bowed himself with all his might.

"Only this once!" Thus would I pray  
For aid; thus would I ask  
For grace to face the task today  
As if 'twere my only task:  
Thus would I live from sun to sun,  
And fight my battles one by one.  
—Robert Krumly.

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