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Perry Conference Closed

GOOD REPORT FOLLOWS EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

The Evangelistic Meetings were conducted by Inez Batchelor and Nettie Springer.

Wednesday evening Nettie Springer brought a very helpful message from the subject—"The God of Abraham," Text—Acts 3:13. She said, "God called Abraham to a line of separation from the world. Separation is God's call to a closer walk with Himself." "If a man falls into a well, do you jump in to help him out? No, you put a ladder down or throw him a rope. You stay on the top to help him; so it is in saving a soul, you must separate yourself from sin. If we are to hold our influence and respect over the world, we must be separate from the world."

Thursday and Friday evenings, Inez Batchelor brought the messages. Thursday evening her text was John 3:16.

Saturday evening Nettie Springer read Mal. 3:1-3 and brought the message.

Sunday evening Inez Batchelor brought the closing message from the text—"Because I have called you, and ye have refused me."

These services were times of spiritual blessing and inspiration to all. The messages were blessed and owned of God. About 20 were at the altar.

THE CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

The Children's Meetings were well attended and good interest shown. Twenty-two different children attended but only 7 of that number were at all the meetings. Some were only at the Conference for a day or two. Two of the children were at the altar and were saved. I believe the meetings were well worth while and were a blessing to the boys and girls.

THE CHORUS CLASS

We can report good results from the Chorus work at our first Perry Conference, due to the blessing of God and the capability and thoroughness of our splendid Chorus director, Donald Edmundson, and the co-operation on the part of those singing. How thankful we were for the spirituality and earnestness of our director and for the emphasis which he placed on prayer for our sacred concert. Our class of about twenty met every day for an hour's practice, just preceding the noon hour. The concert Sunday afternoon was well attended. In addition to the regular chorus numbers, there were solos, by William Murphy, Frances Smith and Wilbur Allen. We appreciated and enjoyed the songs by the male quartette,

Donald Edmundson, William Murphy, Clark Smith and Jasper Ballou, not only at the concert but at several of the services.

CLASSES.

How blessed was the privilege of class attendances at Perry! May the lessons learned there, stick through years to come!

Mr. Mott's "Five Vital Questions" was deep and rich in vital truth.

Miss Wood's "Missions" Class drew many for all true Christian hearts are mission-enthused hearts.

C. E. Method's class studied ways and means and tried to "learn by doing." Model meetings in the class were led by Walter Lee, Olive Terrell, Lois Jones and Clark Smith.

In the second class period, Mrs. Lee's class proved a very popular one, and more than ever, we purposed to be true to the "faith of our fathers."

Mr. Choate's class on "The Rapture" was timely, for is not the end drawing nigh?

Mr. Mott's class in "Hebrews" was a veritable gold mine, and the class felt rich in nuggets of truth by the end of the week.

Then after the feast of classes, we topped off with inspirational addresses from the evangelists!

RECREATION.

Ho! Everyone that thirsteth! Cool Spring! Help keep the water pure! Close the lid! Thank you!

Let those who were at Perry Conference scan the walls of memory for the picture of the waterless spring and of the anticipation of a cool drink. One visit to the pool was enough unless the second visit was to direct some other thirsty, weary worn traveler to its refreshing coolness. Those who went on hikes often wished for a cool refreshing drink of water but strange to say this cool spring failed to leave pleasant memories of a quenched thirst.

Charles Beals handled the recreation hours very successfully. The wiener roast Tuesday evening was a good send-off for the Conference. Though it seemed to have a bad effect on Oren Winslow, as was revealed later in the meeting at the auditorium. While all the stunts were good, yet Star carried away the honors with their pantomime.

The hike to the top of the mountain above the beacon light proved to be better than it looked from the foot. The top was covered with pine and fir trees and an undergrowth of other plants. Coming down was almost as bad as going up because it was so steep. Sliding down seemed to be the most efficient way sometimes. We failed to get sight of Jack Ballou's "Side-Hill Moodies" or some such a name. They must have been late getting around the mountain that afternoon.

Thursday afternoon, Greenleaf boys challenged a "pick-up" team from the rest of the crowd to a game of base-

ball—not real baseball, but the kind in which a ball about the size of a small pumpkin—if the pumpkin is big enough—is used. What a game it was! The "pick-up" ran in eleven scores the first inning but Greenleaf held them down to three scores the rest of the game. Due to Walter Lee's encouragement and his natural ability, Jack Ballou kept the Greenleaf sluggers from pounding the "pumpkin" to a very dangerous distance. They managed to slip in five scores in spite of the odds against them.

It was decided the victor should win the best two out of three games so another game was scheduled for Friday afternoon. This time Greenleaf managed to get a few holes closed in their serve and held the "pick-ups" to a score of eleven to four. Charles Beals made some sensational catches and plays in both games.

"Papa" Roberts made the longest hit of the two games by putting it over center field in the last inning of the last game. Mr. Choate did some fine work on the mound for Greenleaf.

"Papa" Roberts, umpire of the first game, and Clark Smith, umpire of the second game, must have been umpires of great renown from the old country from the way they handled the situation.

Saturday afternoon volley ball was the principal amusement.

Monday morning about four-thirty a. m., several of the Greenleaf young people climbed to the Beacon Light for a Sunrise Prayer Meeting. The Lord met them in a very gracious way in this time of drawing near to Him.

PERSONALS.

Lois Jones, the registrar, didn't know she was to act as general information bureau, but was always on the job.

Twin Rocks Conference folks would be proud of Walter Lee's ability as master of ceremonies and "monies" at Perry.

"Chuck" Beals seems to know of one place in Perry unmolested by the Blue Mountains wild animals.

We wonder if anyone has answered Father and Mother Roberts ad for a nurse, who has a remedy for the ills that take people suddenly just about meeting time.

The whiffempoofs evidently didn't blow out lights that were guarded by curling irons.

Carrie Wood was at Perry with all her "single" ways.

We wondered why one member of the Old Maid's Club of Greenleaf was so eager for Idaho honey before she got home, but when we saw the ring on her finger the other day, our wonders ceased.

Mr. M. T. Dome captured and imprisoned a Blue Mountain bat. We think he must be an acquaintance of Walter Perisho's.

Miss Inez Batchelor would have enjoyed a good cool drink from the Perry Spring—but the tide was out.

Lost, strayed or stolen! Olive Terrell's dignity while at Perry! Recovery

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ter Lee is teaching in Hillsboro, Mildred Merz is at Hood River, and Vira Lull at Rainier. Ruth Ludlow has left for McMinnville to enter college there, and Hazel Thomas is enjoying a visit at her father's home at Leland, Wash.

A farewell reception was given for Walter and Geneva Bolitho on Sunday evening, September 9, and was a very beautiful and touching service. Short talks were given by Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. Bolitho, and then Carrie Wood welcomed them to India. Mrs. Runyan sang a very beautiful missionary farewell song, and the service was closed with a dedication altar service for the new work. Mr. and Mrs. Bolitho expect to sail from Vancouver, B. C., about October 15th.

About twenty Endeavorers enjoyed a Labor Day picnic at Dodge Park. After dinner the time was spent in swimming and hiking, and our evening meal was a good old weinie roast.

We are glad to report that Alma and Bernard Mott are recovering nicely from the auto accident in which they were injured in August. Both are able to be up, and we are thanking the Heavenly Father for His blessing and protection over them and for their rapid improvement.

HYPOCRITES.

"Aunt Cora," Betty said suddenly dropping on a stool at the older woman's feet, "I've come to you this afternoon for advice."

Aunt Cora took the girl's face in her hands and looked into the troubled eyes. "I'm glad to help you all I can, you know, dear."

Betty paused a moment and then plunged in, "Sometimes, I feel as if Christianity were a failure and I didn't care whether I were a Christian or not. It seems as if half of the people who call themselves Christians are hypocrites."

"Perhaps, you had better explain what has happened all at once," Aunt Cora said gravely. "It hasn't happened 'all at once,'" Betty went on, "I've been thinking about it a long time. There's Mr. Deane who prays and testifies so often and everybody knows he doesn't pay his bills, and is mean to his family. Then, there's Mrs. Call. She's so honey-sweet and says the cattiest things about people behind their backs. Now, today, I read in the paper how Rev. Sloane has run off with another woman. I always liked him. How can anybody tell a real Christian?"

"We have always had wolves in the fold, dear. Of old, you know, they had their false prophets teaching error," Aunt Cora said softly. "We are human, Betty, and human flesh is not invincible. David betrayed his trust but God forgave him. Peter denied his Lord, but was restored to favor. God forgives us even yet, when we fail Him, if we go to Him for purging."

"But Aunt Cora, if the ministry can't keep a man good—what can?"

"Nothing but the spirit of the Lord working in us. Nothing else Betty. You choose these few instances from the many people whom you know are Christians, whose life is a daily shining example of the power of Jesus to keep. The dog goes mad and bites the hand that petted him, but we do not say all dogs must suffer death. One girl, who has been your friend, is false to the friendship and betrays your confidence, but you do not deny yourself other friendships on that account. Do not let a few people kill your faith dear."

Betty sat in thought a minute, then sprang to her feet. "Thank you, Aunt Cora," she said, "It's all over now. I'm sorry for the way I talked. It was foolish and wicked. Why, do you know, I was actually holding God responsible for Rev. Sloane. I thought, 'How can God allow such a person to preach?' but now I see he is only a serpent trying to despoil God's vineyard."

"How many of us do that very thing. Remember Betty, keep your eyes on the Lord and not on other people. Then you will never doubt."

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