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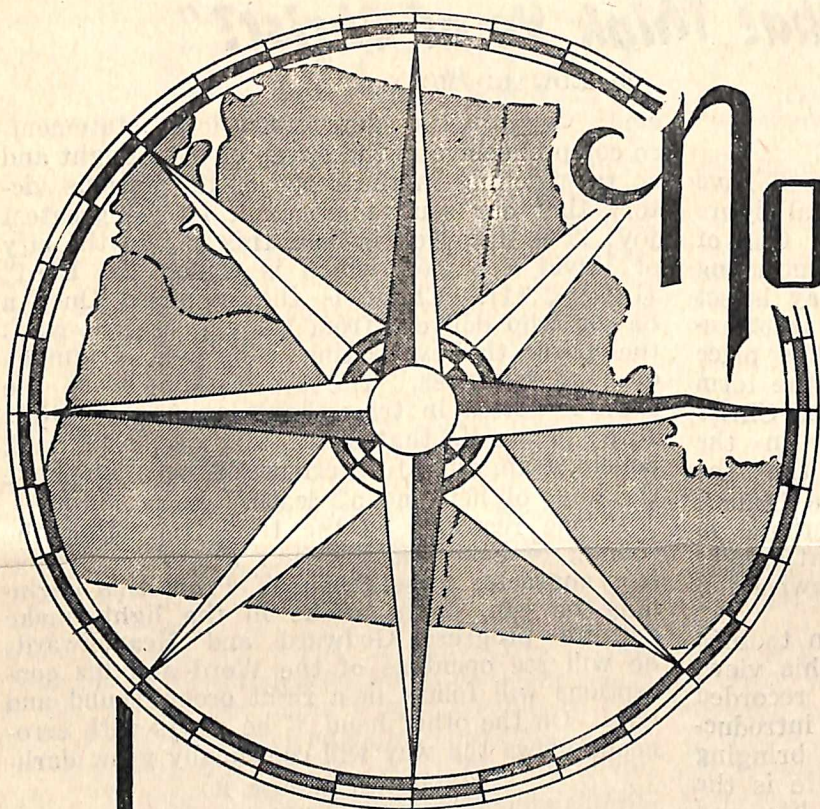
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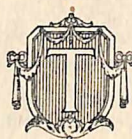
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# NORTHWEST & FRIEND

February, 1947

## *Abraham Lincoln's Testimony*



HERE have been many times in my life when •  
I have been driven to my knees in prayer to  
God, with the overflowing conviction that there  
was nowhere else in all the world for me to go for help.  
My own wisdom, and the wisdom of all about me,  
seemed absolutely insufficient.

"I remembered God said, 'If any man lack wisdom,  
let him ask of God,' and I knelt down and asked of  
God, and my prayers were answered; for some invisible  
power outside of me helped me to solve the problems  
of the day."



## Pertinent Observations

"What Think Ye of Christ? Whose Son is He"—Matt. 22:41-46.

At the Christmas time this year I have thought more about Christ as the central figure of the day than I had previously. One of our Portland dailies in an editorial concerning Christmas urged this caution: "The day is set apart in commemoration of Christ; it is therefore important that we use terms that place Christ first." The writer urged that the term "Xmas" not be employed, for in its use Christ is not honored. His name is not in the minds of the people. May I add that the same is the case in the use of "Santa Claus." If children are accustomed to the fictional in the use of this term, is there not a great danger that they may think of Christ as likewise imaginary?

Christ is real; His historical relation to men and events is authentic. It is from this viewpoint that I am presenting the facts recorded in the Holy Scriptures concerning His introduction into this world and His mission in bringing the gospel of salvation to mankind. He is the One who lived and taught by His life and words that which is vitally essential to our well-being for time and eternity. In support of these great themes He performed mighty works, which have caused men to think and act in accordance with the truth He revealed. One cannot set Him aside as to His real personage without suffering great loss. Further, He who now lives and reigns on high is the eternal Christ who ever lives in the hearts and lives of those who believe in Him.

I shall begin this consideration of Christ in line with the question He propounded to the Pharisees as stated in the introduction above: "What think ye of Christ? whose son is He?" This question they could not answer except as they referred to the common human conception among the Jews that He was the son of David. But, said Christ, David called Him Lord; how then could He be his son? Can the question be answered. We can say that it can be. We may have perfect assurance if we turn to the Holy Scriptures wherein we shall find a complete and satisfactory solution of the matter. In this we are not involved in the imaginative in any degree whatsoever. Christ said on one occasion, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me."

### The Birth of Christ

The birth of Christ is the outstanding feature of the Christmas day. In the consideration we

## "What Think Ye of Christ?"

By EDWARD MOTT

shall begin with that marvelous statement, so comprehensive in the sweep of its thought and so far-reaching in the scope of its glorious victory that our souls must exult in the greatest joy: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Christ is the promised One; a Savior who delivers from sin and eternal ruin; the Lord, the everlasting King who triumphs over all His foes. The everlastingness of the Lord is stated in triumphant language in Rev. 1:18: "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

If one responds to the truth regarding the coming of Jesus in His first advent, his religious character is established. From this beginning he can, as he walks in the light, make definite progress Godward and Heavenward; he will see openings of the Word and his conceptions will follow in a right order, sound and true. On the other hand, if he starts with erroneous views the way will continually grow dark-

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### VISION — FAITH — COURAGE

Some time ago the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce offered a prize of five hundred dollars to the person submitting the best slogan. Many were submitted, but the one which took the prize was submitted by a woman. It contained ten words: "Vision to see, faith to believe, and courage to do."

What an appropriate slogan that is for a civic organization whose purpose it is to advance the commercial interests of the community. But how much more appropriate it is for the individual Christian and the church, whose chief aim and purpose is to advance the interests of the kingdom of God.

The wise man of the Old Testament said, "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18). It would be interesting if we could see as God sees, and know just how much of the godlessness, unrest and trouble in the world today is due, more or less directly, to the lost vision of the church. A vision is imperative. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up. He had a vision of what God wanted, and it changed his life. He said, "Here am I, send me."

Saul of Tarsus saw the Lord on the road to Damascus. He was never the same again. Years later, in telling of his experience, he said, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

On his second missionary journey, when Paul came to Troy—that ancient city where Xerxes, Alexander and Julius Caesar had visions of battles—Paul, with a quenchless passion of love to God and man, had a vision of need. He saw a man of Europe who said, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

Is it not true that, in view of the state of affairs in the world today, and in view of the shortness of time we have to work, our paramount lack, as Christian men and women, is a "vision to see?"—a vision to see God, a vision to see lost man and man's desperate need?

The second phrase in this slogan is, "Faith to believe." We are reminded of Hebrews 11:6, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." There is something very solemn in the words, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." There is not recorded in all Scripture the case of a man who pleased God without faith. Do as you will, strive as you may, engage in good works galore, yet these

flaming words stand across your path—"Without faith it is impossible to please Him." What does faith mean? Well, it means to believe what God says, and to venture out on that belief. God "sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." Faith believes that, accepts it without question, and ventures out on it. Jesus said, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which is lost;" and he said again, "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you," "Ye are witnesses of these things." Faith believes what Jesus said, and (if it is real faith) it acts on it, and is impelled by an inner urge to seek the salvation of the lost.

The third phrase is, "Courage to do." This is the climax of the three-fold slogan. A Christian must be courageous. Nearly everything he does for Christ is an act of valor. He needs courage to bear reproach for Christ's sake. He needs courage to act up to his convictions of duty. He needs courage to confess Christ before others. David said, "I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed" (Ps. 119:46). He needs courage to do personal work—to speak to the lost and to invite them to Christ.

One of the greatest incentives to courage in Christian living and service is to realize WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN. Think of it! Can you grasp that? We are members of God's own family. Jesus Christ is our brother, and we are His representatives—His ambassadors on earth.

Alexander the Great conquered the world before he was thirty-two. There is no doubt that a great measure of his success can be attributed to the fact that he was convinced that the blood of Achilles flowed in his veins.

Augustus Caesar was one of the greatest soldiers that ever lived. When he was a young man, pale, in ill health, and under-stature, he went to see a famous astrologer. When the latter saw his horoscope, he was so amazed that he fell down and worshipped him. Caesar was then convinced that he was akin to the gods. This belief made a brave soldier of him, and he went forth to conquer his enemies.

Don't forget! If you are a Christian, then YOU ARE A MEMBER OF GOD'S FAMILY—JESUS CHRIST IS YOUR BROTHER—and YOU ARE HIS AMBASSADOR HERE ON EARTH. That ought to put fire in your blood, and send you forth to do exploits for Him.

RLC.

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# The Challenge to Good Stewardship

By Richard Hendricks

(This informative and challenging message was delivered at Tacoma Quarterly Meeting, of which the author is a member. Read it—all of it! God may want YOU to tithe.—Ed.)

The teaching of good stewardship is one of the most important—if not the most important—phases of Christian living. It does seem rather difficult for some to agree that spiritual blessing depends upon the giving of money. I know we usually stress, in any stewardship discussion these days, the investment of our talent, of our time, and so on. These are indisputably essential and worthy of discussion, but the point is that the investment of our money, of our material possessions, is actually no less a part of good stewardship than is investment of such things as our talent and our time. In fact, I would say that unless we include material possessions, particularly money, in our consideration of good stewardship, that consideration is not entirely honest! I do not intend to confine this particular discussion to money, but at the outset I would like to make it clear that the accent will distinctly be on how we are managing our material possessions.

It occurs to me that there are four cornerstones to Stewardship. The first of these is Creation. God created not only all of nature and all of the things from which we manufacture goods with our hands; He created also Man himself. So God has a preeminent right to what we commonly consider "our" possessions because He created them all Himself. Moreover, he has the right to claim full ownership of Man because of creation.

The second cornerstone is Providence. We have heard many stories about miraculous escapes from death in answer to prayer, and we are all familiar with the idea that God provides for us, His children, providential care. By reason of this everpresent bulwark for us, God is entitled not to just a portion of our beings and of our lives and of our handiwork; He is entitled to them all.

The next cornerstone I would like for us to consider is Redemption. By the saving grace of Jesus, we are put into a relationship with God that is the closest thing this side of heaven. Surely, if God provides for us such a wonderful plan of redemption, the least we can do to show our love and our undying gratitude and appreciation for this marvelous experience is to dedicate to Him our all, including in that all our hopes, ambitions, lives, and all of our material gain in this world.

The fourth cornerstone is the thing that motivates all of the other three and that is God's Love! It was because He loved us that He redeemed us; it is because He loves us that He provides the providential care we mentioned; and we were created so that God could have a people to love and who would love Him! Do we love Him enough to be really good stewards?

God is really the owner of the whole world and everything that is in it, including us human beings ourselves. Then, He in turn has given us dominion over His creation, His property. This principle is indicated in a number of parables in the Bible, stories told by Jesus depicting God as the "King," as the "Master," as the "Husbandman," and the Christian as the servant. We are God's trustees, His representatives, His agents. We are all familiar with the relationship in the business world between an agent and his principal. Most big manufacturers or sales organizations are established with branches in large cities throughout the land. It is physically impossible for the Boss—the principal—to be present in all of these places at once. So he appoints an agent to represent him, and the agent does everything for his principal that he can to represent him well. I can't imagine any agent lasting long at his job if he did not have the best interests of his principal at heart. Such an agent is constantly seeking advantage for his master; he is seeking his master's approval. And so it is with us; we are God's agents in this world. How are we managing our job?

Notice in the words of the text taken from I Peter 4:10 that we are to "minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Don't miss that word "manifold." It means multiplied; great in volume! Yes, we are stewards of the wonderful, manifold grace of God! And we ought to administer it well! The trouble is that we always seem to want to be on the receiving end of this grace and do not share it with others around us. God did not give us life and happiness and joy just for us to hoard to ourselves. Have we had an unusually great blessing in the way of God's comfort in a time of deep sorrow? We ought to then become comforters ourselves when deep sorrow comes to one of our friends. Have we had some singular outpouring of God's joy upon our souls just when we needed it the most? Let us pass that outpouring along to others! That is what I mean by being good and proper stewards of

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# Our Bolivian Field

By WALTER P. LEE

President of Board of Missions

In connection with the series of articles concerning our Mission Field in Bolivia, South America, we have asked each of our missionaries to write a short autobiography, so that we may know each a little better. This month we present the autobiography of

Roscoe S. Knight

On April 2, 1922, a squalling third edition was added to the Roy F. Knight family, namely myself. At this time my father was attending the Training School for Christian Workers, in Huntington Park, California, preparing for the ministry. So I have gone through life thus far with the high privilege of being an "ornery preacher's kid." To me, this is actually a rare privilege, because as such I have learned many things useful in my work now, merely by observance of the life of a minister at close quarters, and sharing, to some extent, many of the blessings, problems and difficulties that come to a minister of the gospel.

My early life was normal, except for the fact that we never lived in one place for more than three years at a time. This of course, meant travel and a good deal of variety which the average layman's child is not privileged to have. When I was eight years old, we moved from California to Kansas. Here my father was pastor of the Walnut Creek Friends Church, near Northbranch. Since we had lived in large towns or cities most of the time up to this, the country was a wonderful change to me. Ever since then my choice has been life in small towns or in the country.

By giving the events of my "school life," I can practically cover my life story, because since the time I was six there has not been a year that I have not been in direct contact with schools in one way or another. The first three grades were spent in a private school in Huntington Park, California, and the next two in northern Kansas in four different schools. From the sixth through the eleventh, I attended four different schools, both private and public, in California. When I was fifteen, we moved from Long Beach, California, to Haviland, Kansas. Here my father taught in Friends Bible College, while I finished my senior year in Friends Haviland Academy in 1938. After graduation from academy, I continued with a junior college and Bible course in Friends Bible College for the next three years.

It was during these four years at Haviland, that I gained greatly in my spiritual life and in experience by gospel team work and by traveling a good deal with a male quartet. As a

quartet we traveled through practically every state west of the Mississippi, holding special services, camp meetings, revival meetings and doing other types of evangelistic work. It was also at Haviland that I found the girl who was to be my wife, so you can see why I count the years there part of the best years of my life.

After I spent a year at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, Tina and I were married, on June 2nd, 1942. That fall we moved to Nampa, Idaho, to attend Northwest Nazarene College. There I received the Bachelor of Arts degree in May of 1943, and the Master of Theology degree in May of 1944. During the spring of 1944 I taught in the Melba High School in the mornings, attended college in the afternoons, and preached at two different churches each Sunday. That fall we moved to Greenleaf, where I taught in the academy and served as pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church. I count the year at Greenleaf one of the best, if not the best, year of my life. Working with the young people of the academy, associating in the spiritual life of the Greenleaf Friends Church and with the people of the community, has left the feeling that Greenleaf is "home," and so we tell those who ask us where our home is.

In the early part of 1945, after hearing Walter Lee talk about Bolivia, the desperate needs of the country, and especially the need of a Bible training school in the Oregon Friends field, we felt definitely led to present our applications to the Board of Missions for special work in Bolivia. We had both felt the call to missionary work for a number of years; in fact, when I was but a small boy, I remember thinking that I would like to become a missionary. I actually believe that this was the beginning of my call. I had tried to prepare myself throughout a number of years to be ready when the door opened, not only in spiritual lines, such as preaching and Bible teaching, but in secular lines that I thought would be necessary and useful to a missionary, such as farming, mechanics, and a spattering knowledge of many other trades.

After our appointment at Yearly Meeting in June, 1945, we hurriedly prepared to come to Bolivia, and on October 29th, 1945, arrived here to begin work in the land of our calling. We love our work, the people, and even the high barren plains which to us are beautiful. Thank God for the privilege of being ambassadors for Him in this needy land of Bolivia, the land of our choice because it is the land of our calling.

If God is a reality, and the world is a reality, and you are an immortal being, what are you doing with your Bible shut?  
—Herrick Johnson.

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## With Our College

By GEORGE H. MOORE

### Teaching Staff To Be Strengthened, 1947-1948

Definite contacts are being made with prospective teachers having the Ph.D. degree to join the staff of Pacific College for the coming year. Every effort is being made to secure those who will measure up to a high standard in spiritual life, in scholastic attainment, and in personality acceptability. It should be possible in the next issue of the Northwest Friend, to make definite announcement in regard to both the staff and the Presidency.

### P.C. Student Wins Speech Honors

After winning first place in the local contest, Norval Hadley, sophomore at Pacific, went to the state contest and won first place in competition with the following colleges and universities: Willamette, Linfield, Lewis and Clark, Pacific University, Multnomah College, Oregon State and the University of Oregon.

Don Johnson, senior, won second place.

Our students were coached by Prof. Floyd Riley, head of the Speech Department.

### Dramatics Department Presents Play

Under the direction of Miss Charlotte Macy, the comedy, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," was presented January 16th and 17th to a near-capacity house. The fun and humor of the play was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Those in the cast were, Bethel Herndon, Mildred Thiessen, Ben Franklin, Dick Cadd, Marie Hurford, Stanley Williams, Anne Moore, Jeanne Woodward, Don Johnson, Melvin Veale, Leroy Neifert, Mary Jackson, Johnny Sommons, and Vern Brightup.

The business manager was Margaret Wilson, and Lois Clark was in charge of ticket sales. Ruth Engle, Esther Mae Moore, and Alice Kippenham were in charge of costumes.

### New Library in Process of Erection

The contractors have begun work on the erection of the new library building for Pacific College. The building was formerly an Officers' Club at Camp Adair, and is being erected on the campus by the government. It will help greatly in reducing the crowded conditions of our present facilities.

### Student Christian Union Sponsors Mission Project

The Student Christian Union of Pacific College, Prof. Roy Clark, advisor, has launched a program of weekly mission visitations in downtown Portland. The project calls for regular, student-directed services at the Peniel and the Open Door missions.

### Basketball Team Loses Close Game

The Pacific College basketball squad showed

the best form of the season in a hotly contested game with Reed College, January 17th. Pacific College led most of the way, but was finally nosed out by the close score of 42 to 40. The team, under the direction of Coach Kelsey Hinshaw, showed great improvement, which should continue in the remaining games of the season.

### SEED-THOUGHTS ABOUT FAITH

There is an audacious bravado which is sometimes mistaken for faith. The former disregards the laws of God, the latter conform to them.

Faith grows only as fast as it is put into practice.

A very small seed, when germinated, has been known to split a boulder. Faith can do likewise.

Active belief, or faith, is composed of two parts: voluntarily committing oneself to Christ, and voluntarily accepting His offered blessings.

—I. M. Anonymous.

### FROM A TO Z

Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega . . ." That means, "I am everything from A to Z." Here is an alphabet of His titles, as found in the Bible, along with the references:

Advocate, I John 2:1  
Bread of Life, John 6:48  
Creator, Isaiah 43:15  
Deliverer, Romans 11:26  
Emmanuel, Isaiah 7:14  
Faithful Witness, Revelation 1:5  
Gift of God, John 4:10  
Hiding-Place, Isaiah 32:2  
Image of God, Hebrews 1:3  
Just One, Acts 3:14  
King of Glory, Psalm 24:7  
Lamb of God, John 1:29  
Mighty One, Isaiah 30:29  
Nazarene, Matthew 2:23  
Only Begotten, John 1:14  
Prince of Life, Acts 3:15  
Quickening Spirit, I Cor. 15:45  
Redeemer, Job 19:25  
Saviour, John 4:42  
True God, I John 5:20  
Unspeakable Gift, II Cor. 9:15  
Vine, John 15:1  
Wisdom, Proverbs 8:22

### HIS MISSIONARIES

Will you not pray for us? Alone we stand  
To stem the awful tide of sin and shame,  
To cast out demons in the mighty Name  
Which is alone the hope of every land.

Pray, pray for us! We are but vessels frail;  
The world's appealing need would crush us  
down,

Save that in vision we behold the crown  
Upon His brow who shall at length prevail.

—Friends Missionary Advocate

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## Chats With Children

--By Aunt Bess

### A HARD LESSON

By MARIE H. HAINES

"I'm just mad at Mr. Henry, that's what I am," Clifford said to Mary, the cook. "He's just a mean, old tattle-tale."

"I wouldn't blame Mr. Henry if I were you," Mary answered. "It's all your own fault. If you would tell your mother the truth, you wouldn't get punished this way."

Clifford was being punished today for not telling the truth. Mother had taken Tom to spend the day at grandma's house.

"How was I to know he was watching me picking peaches?" Clifford said sullenly.

"Why didn't you tell your mother what you were doing when she asked you?" Mary said severely. "That is why you are being punished."

Clifford sniffed and acted as if he hadn't heard what Mary was saying. People were too fussy about little things. He went outside and wandered slowly towards the barn. He stopped to look at the pigs. They were stretched lazily in the sun. He found a big stick and climbed up the pigsty to poke at them. They only grunted.

"Get up, you lazy things," he shouted, making a big lunge at one of them.

Flop! Bang! Over he fell head first into the feeding trough. How he did howl! Mary and Mr. Henry came running to see what had happened. When they saw him, they laughed and laughed.

"It isn't funny," Clifford sobbed angrily. "I'm all wet and dirty."

"I should say you are a sight," Mary gasped as soon as she could get her breath. "Whatever were you doing this time?"

Mr. Henry leaped into the pigsty. He gingerly picked Clifford up, and boosted him back over the fence. He was dripping buttermilk from head to foot.

"I was just looking at the pigs and my foot slipped," Clifford sniffed.

"More than likely you were poking at them with that stick there," Mary shrewdly guessed. "You know your father has told you not to do that."

"I did not," Clifford denied.

"Don't make things worse by not telling the truth," Mary said. "The next thing you know, you won't get to go to the beach next week."

Clifford looked serious at that. He had been looking forward to the beach trip for two months. Two months is a long time for a little boy just past six. Uncle Ben was going to drive them over in his big new car. They were to stay two nights.

"Please Mary don't tell mommie. I'll be as good as ever I can be. I did poke the pigs. I am really sorry," Clifford pleaded, looking forlorn and penitent.

Mary's soft heart was touched. "All right," she laughed. "Let's get cleaned up. You can go over and play with Jack. See if you can behave the rest of the day."

"Hi, Cliff!" Jack greeted him. "I was just going fishing. Daddy bought me a real line yesterday."

"It sure is swell," Clifford admired the new line. "But mommie won't let me go to the creek unless some older person is along. She's afraid I might fall in."

"I can only go to the little pool," Jack said. "We couldn't drown there. Come on, we won't stay long. I dug some worms last night."

"I better not," Clifford hesitated.

"Nobody will know the difference," Jack urged. "Don't be a 'fraidy cat."

"I don't see how mommie will ever know," Clifford said finally. "Don't you ever tell."

"I won't," Jack promised. "Now for some fun." Clifford didn't have fun. The sun was hot. The mosquitoes were bad. The fish didn't bite. He kept thinking he wasn't supposed to be there. "I'm going home," he finally said.

"Has my little boy been good today?" mother asked that evening as she kissed Clifford.

"Ye-es," Clifford gulped slowly.

The next morning, Clifford wasn't feeling well. His mother looked at him in alarm. "Your face and hands are red and swollen," she said. "Go back to bed. I'm going to call the doctor."

"Poison oak," the doctor said.

Mother looked at Clifford sorrowfully. "Did you go to the creek?" she asked.

Clifford nodded his head miserably.

"He'll be all right in a couple of weeks," the doctor said cheerily. "Rub this on to relieve the itching. Give him . . ."

"Mommie, Mommie, not two weeks," Clifford broke in with a sob. "We're going to the beach next week."

"You won't go anywhere next week, young man," the doctor said.

"I'm sorry, son," mother said gently. "I can't help this now. If you had told me the truth last night, I would have given you a salts bath and prevented this. I knew the poison oak is thick by the little pool."

When Clifford saw them all drive off a few days later, there were tears in his eyes. "I know I will always tell the truth after this," he said to Mary.



# Christian Endeavor Doings

## WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVE?

By PAUL THORNBURG  
Yearly Meeting C. E. President

Someone has said:

1. Absence of motive makes life boring, drab, futile.
2. Many motives makes life complex, hard, frustrated.
3. Singleness of motive makes life joyful, victorious, powerful.

First: What is your motive? What do you desire most from life? Are you disappointed or disillusioned about what life has been returning to you for your efforts? All of us are interested in living a joyful, victorious life. The above declaration concerning singleness of motive is partially true providing the one motive you choose is right.

Second: It's doubtful whether one could settle on any one motive for living unless it be to "seek first the kingdom of God." A worldly-minded person really may want to seek God's kingdom, yet he has various conflicting motives. Desires to please men and to gain worldly goods are legitimate in their place, but when out of place are causes of conflict in the inner life. The ruling motive should be to "seek first the kingdom," then let other things be subordinate but not omitted. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5.)

Third: Will it work? Does it ever let you down? Listen! Has Christ ever let you down when you really put Him to the test? "For He hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb. 13:5,6,8.)

Then notice this testimony of a young person, received just recently:

"Life was getting boring. The daily routine seemed meaningless, and the world was getting worse and worse. I was discouraged and tired of going on from day to day. Then I found that there were conflicting motives ruling my life. I wasn't living for Christ alone. I wasn't seeking first His kingdom and Him—but I was busy—too busy to have a genuine prayer-meeting with Him. I was discouraged about sin all about me, not because it grieved God, and souls were being lost and damned for eternity, but because it was terribly inconvenient for me. It would be so wonderful to have everyone nice all the time like they are at Christmas time. To have peace and love instead of hate and strife in the world. How I'd like to be able to leave the car unlocked, not have to fear for my purse in a crowd and not fear walking down a dark street. I found that all my concerns were for selfish reasons and I was living for self instead of for Christ.

"Immediately I found a place of prayer and poured out my heart to Him and He heard me, and as I pled His blood and righteousness my need was met. Now, praise His name, He lives in my heart and changes my selfishness to selflessness, and I'm determined to serve Him come what may. True enough I'm doing the same routine work from day to day, but now I'm seeking Him first each day and putting Him first in all the activities."

## HOW THE C. E. SOCIETIES STAND

Here is a report of the various monthly meeting C. E. groups over the Yearly Meeting. If your C. E. looks low here, check and see if you sent your points to your quarterly meeting superintendent, and if he in turn sent them to Robert Armstrong, who is Yearly Meeting Statistical Superintendent. His address is Pacific College, Newberg, Oregon.

These figures were taken at quarterly meeting time in November.

Boise.....1,259 points; no quota paid; no picture  
Star.....No report; no quota; no picture  
Melba—

Intermediate.....7,102 points; no quota;  
no picture

Senior.....24,802 points; no quota; no picture  
Nampa.....10,562 points; no quota; no picture

Whitney.....Newly organized

Woodland.....No report

Greenleaf.....No report

Riverside.....No report

Ontario Heights.....Newly organized

Homedale.....No report

Ridgeview.....No report

Caldwell (preparative).....No report

McKinley Avenue.....Using chart; points not  
computed

Northeast Tacoma.....No report

Quilcene.....Newly organized

Hayden Lake.....Newly organized

Entiat.....No report

Newberg.....No report

Springbrook.....10,646 points; no quota; no picture

Chehalem Center.....Newly organized

West Chehalem.....90,274 points; all quota paid;  
no picture

Sherwood.....Newly organized

Highland.....No report; have picture

Rosedale.....No report; no picture

Marion.....3,144 points; no quota; have picture

South Salem.....Junior no report; have picture

Scotts Mills.....No report

Medford.....No report

Talent.....Not organized

First Friends (Portland).....6,094 points; no  
quota; no picture

Piedmont.....7,137 points; no quota; have picture

Lents.....Newly organized  
Vancouver.....Newly organized  
Forest Home.....No report  
Camas.....No report; not using chart  
Rosemere.....No report  
Rose Valley.....No report  
Cherry Grove.....No report  
Parkrose.....No report

If you are not satisfied with this report, help make it better next quarter.

## MID-WINTER C. E. CONFERENCE

To a host of Boise Valley and Greenleaf young people, mention of the mid-winter conference held during the Christmas holidays brings back a flood of happy memories—reminders of firm resolutions and vows made to God, and reminiscences of banquet wit and challenges thrown out by class leaders.

A capacity crowd filled the Greenleaf church for the opening Sunday night service. Fred Knight led the spirited singing, which was characteristic of the entire conference. With God's presence very evident in the service, Earl Geil, conference speaker, spoke forcefully to the unsaved and the backslider, and the altar was lined with young people seeking God.

With real enthusiasm for his subject, Paul Thornburg gave practical, to-the-point suggestions on soul-winning in the two class periods. In the other class period Paul Mills cleared up many questions as to why our church does not practice the ceremonies of water baptism and the Lord's supper, and why we do not take oaths.

Monday night's message, brought by Earl Geil, was on personal evangelism. There was a tender spirit in the after-service which followed the message, with many renewing their consecration around the altar, and a great number testifying to a desire to be better soul-winners.

New Year's eve, the closing night, was the highlight of the conference. Over 200 attended the banquet in the Greenleaf gym. Tables were decorated with large clocks and red candles, and the food, served by the Greenleaf women, was plentiful and delicious. The position of toastmaster was filled to perfection by Jack Willcuts, and the steady stream of witticisms from the speakers and toastmaster made digestion easy and laughter the keynote of the banquet.

At ten o'clock the crowd moved to the church to finish the evening with a watch-night service. The moving pictures, "Found Wanting" and "A Voice in the Wilderness" proved a fitting prelude to Earl Geil's closing message on the judgment of God. The New Year was ushered in with a time of prayer and testimony.

## FLASH! MEDFORD REPORTING

Medford Intermediate C. E. has a new set of officers, elected on January 1st, 1947.

President, Carol Davis; vice president, Dee Davis; secretary, Shirley Koger; treasurer, Jean DeZell; devotional committee, Judy Tokahira, chairman, Carol Davis, Don Smith; lookout committee, Dee Davis, chairman, Anna Hayes, Wanda Norten; social committee, Marie Wimmer, chairman, Bill Fitzsimmons, Rusty Wimmer; missionary committee, Larry Ross, chairman, Frank Hayes, Karen Norten; reporters, Steve Ross, Irwin Ditch, Wayne Straus.

**Youth Night Going Strong**—The C. E. continues to sponsor a Youth Night at the Howard gym every Wednesday night. More than 50 boys and girls have attended at one time.

**Delegation Attends C. E. Rally**—A carload of C. E.'ers had the privilege of attending the Crater Lake C. E. rally at the First Christian Church of Medford, at which Milo Ross was the speaker.

## HELLO, EVERYONE!

This is station PFC bringing you the latest in news from the news-wires of the Christian Endeavor here at Piedmont.

Caroling was the highspot on the agenda Sunday evening, December 22nd, after church. Cold wind and singing were combined for a joyous time under the windows of church members, shut-ins, and prospective church attenders. The melody trail ended at the Mickelson home, where a program (a clever trio, a quartet, and a reading), along with cocoa and doughnuts were awaiting us. Also a small present was given each person with an appropriate note attached.

Our watch-night service was more than an ordinary party. Held at the home of Barbara and Jonathan Tamplin, it was something to be remembered. The first hour was filled with interesting whole-group games, which gave way for smaller games later on, such as checkers and so forth. Hamburgers, relish, pickles, potato chips, olives and pop were devoured by the hungry kids about 11:00 p.m. The New Year was ushered in with scripture and a genuine heartfelt time of prayer, in which we thanked God for the wonderful way that He had helped us in the last year, doing things we would never have thought possible. Then, a commitment to Him of our future, with its uncertainties. With trusting but humble hearts we asked for His guidance, that many souls might be brought to Him in the coming year, knowing that as He has promised to be with us if we do our best, so will He do.

## FLASH! HIGHLAND SAYS "HELLO!"

Highland Avenue C. E.'ers went caroling after the church Christmas program. A caravan of cars visited the homes of the shut-ins and older



people and the young people brought Christmas cheer with their fine music.

Lester and Emma DeLapp were hosts to the C. E.'ers at a gay gift-exchange Christmas party.

### FLASH! HOMEDALE SENDS GREETINGS!

The young people's choir, composed mainly of C. E. members, furnished the music for the church Christmas program, which was given to the largest crowd ever to pack the Homedale church.

During the Christmas holidays the C. E.'ers were busy making the decorations for the big banquet which closed the mid-winter C. E. conference held at Greenleaf. Several days were spent at the parsonage with paper, paint, and scissors, getting ready for the big event.

**Young People Attend Revival**—Wednesday nights were set aside as Young People's Nights during the two-week revival meeting conducted by Paul Mills and Lucy Clark. The C. E.'ers were very faithful in their attendance at these meetings and on young people's night they formed a choir and furnished special music. The meetings contributed to the spiritual growth of the C. E.'ers.

### SUNNYSIDE SPEAKS UP

You may not have heard much news from us before, but that is to be changed. One of our New Year's resolutions was to keep you informed by having news items in every edition of the Northwest Friend for the coming year. Don't think the silence the past year means that we have been inactive, far from it. Besides working on our Quaker Crusade chart, and our Bible-reading records, many of our C. E. members are active in other church functions. Two of them are in the choir, and also serve as leaders at our Friday night Open House, while the boys of the C. E. help make up our fine basketball team, of which we are proud.

On New Year's eve we had a watch-night party. In spite of the fact that by midnight everyone was so sleepy he could hardly keep awake, the new year was ushered in grandly, and everyone claimed he had a good time.

At a vesper service on December 22nd the Sunday School presented its annual Christmas program. The young people's Sunday School class, combined with the C. E. group, presented a play for the evening, entitled, "No Room in the Inn." The leading roles of the inn-keeper and his wife were played by Ruth Olsen and Claude Dannelly, with Caroline Allen and Jerry Carr as Mary and Joseph, Bill Field, Don Burg and Dick Logan as the wise men, Douglas Ruhl, Willard Butler and Kenneth Hempe as the shepherds, and Constance Eckart and Donna Sloan in the part of the strangers. Betty Banzer helped with the costumes, and acted as promptress. The play was directed by Keith Williams.

On December 29th, during our morning service, several new members were welcomed into membership in our church. Among them were our Youth Director and his wife, Keith and Alyce Williams, who had their membership transferred, and two of our C. E. members, Claude Dannelly and Jerry Carr, who were promoted from associate to active membership in the church.

### "WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

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er until his life will go out in complete darkness. If you, my dear reader, will plant yourself firmly on God's Word, Christ Himself by His Spirit will confirm in your mind and heart the fact of His being your God and Savior.

### The Revelation Given Joseph

We will now turn our attention to the manner of His primary revelation as it is recorded in the Gospel by Matthew.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:18-23).

Joseph was not left in the dark; if he had been he could never have had any peace of mind. God was true to His servant in giving him a full account of the situation. And Joseph was satisfied. The question was never raised again by him. He knew that he was not the father of Jesus; that matter was forever settled as he saw the plan and purpose of God, who was bringing His Son into the world by the virgin in a miracle of the Holy Ghost. Many of the Jews thought that Joseph was the father of Jesus. There are those of the same opinion in this day. If they were right we would have no Lord Christ, our Savior and coming King. He was the Son of God; this stamps Him with a being and character far above us all and able to save all who call upon Him; and all to the glory of God.

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## AMONG THE CHURCHES

### PIEDMONT

The last two months at Piedmont have brought several very interesting speakers for our inspiration. On November 24th Walter P. Lee gave a stirring presentation of the need of a farm in Bolivia, which was followed by pictures. Tuesday evening, November 26th, was highlighted with Virgil Kirkpatrick, N. H. M. S. missionary to Africa.

Roy F. Knight was speaker at the Sunday morning service on December 1st. At the evening gathering we were privileged to have George H. Moore who, as field representative for Pacific College, gave us a comprehensive message on the needs of the college and the importance of our backing the school in this crisis.

The Sprague River project was presented to us in a most interesting way on Wednesday, December 11th, by Mr. and Mrs. Evert Tuning, who have given themselves unreservedly to the work among the Indians.

The sum of \$24.00 was sent to the Bolivian field as a Christmas token of our love for the missionaries there. Foreign relief funds, raised and sent to Europe's Relief Commission of the N. A. E. was announced as \$20.00.

A service long to be remembered was the Christmas program Sunday evening, December 22nd. Each class of the Sunday School had some special part, including welcoming verses by the smallest children, followed by group songs, and several special numbers, both instrumental and vocal. The young people gave a pantomime, "One Holy Night," with musical background. The adult classes had some music, a reading ("The Inspiration of a Hymn," the hymn being played on a violin), and a short talk on "Christmas in Other Lands." The evening was climaxed, as far as the children were concerned, with candy and nuts. The church was filled to capacity, and the whole service was an inspiration.

The young people took charge of the evening service on December 29th, which had "missions" as the theme. The congregational singing was very good, with appropriate songs, followed by a testimony service in which missionary work was emphasized. Then the audience was taken ten years hence to 1956, and to the Missionary Board meeting, which was being held at the home of the chairman. The members of the board entered the platform, which had been made to resemble a room, were greeted by the chairman, and the business was launched with the reading of the minutes. Word had been received that a broadcast was to be given by short-wave from Bolivia, where Jonathan, Barbara, David and Marge Tamplin were now stationed. So at 8:30 we turned on the radio (the apparatus being previously arranged by Julien Pike). We were greeted by "The Voice of the Andes, South America," which took us by remote control to Bolivia (the church basement) where we were welcomed by the familiar voice of Jonathan, who said they were very happy to bring us the evening service. The Spanish song service was led by Barbara Tamplin, with a duet in Aymara by David and Jonathan. The inspiring New Year's message, given by David in English was interpreted by Jonathan in the Spanish. When they went off the air we realized a little more the work of our missionaries on the field, as we stood to sing from humbled hearts, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, O'er mountain, or land, or sea."

A beautiful watchnight service was held in the church basement New Year's eve. There were games which preceded a much enjoyed program, consisting of solos (vocal and instrumental), a quartet and several readings. The quartet later went out to sing for a number of our shut-ins. The hour before mid-night was spent in a

heartfelt devotional period and prayer for the Lord's will to be done in the year, 1947.

Mrs. Virgil B. Snow and Mrs. George W. Steiger were joint hostesses for a tea, at the home of Mrs. Snow, honoring Miss Janet Settle, bride-elect of David Steiger, to be married during the holidays in Greenleaf, Idaho. Guests were friends of the young people who are attending Pacific and Cascade colleges, in which latter school they are enrolled. The living-rooms were decorated with red tapers, pine, and holly, appropriate to the Christmas season. Music was furnished by Bethel Mays Unruh; Barbara Terrill, of Talent; Barbara Jean Snow; Grace Pike, of Kent, Washington; Elizabeth Battin, assistant teacher of piano at Cascade College; and the Sharon Trio, from Pacific College. Anna Bischoff poured and Barbara Jean Snow assisted. Out of town guests were Barbara Edmundson, Long Beach, California, Wayne Antrim of Nampa, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mills of Boise, Idaho, Donald Comfort and Vernon Brightup of Greenleaf, Idaho, and Jack Eaton of Detroit, Michigan.

### GREENLEAF

The Greenleaf Friends Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Janet Settle and Mr. David Steiger, of Portland, Oregon, Friday evening, December 27th. Earl Geil, of Nampa, performed the ceremony. The couple are at home in Portland, where both are enrolled in Cascade College.

Sunday morning, December 29th, Prof. Roy F. Knight, and a group of students from Pacific College, had charge of the service.

The young people of Greenleaf and Boise Valley quarterly meetings united in a mid-winter C. E. conference at Greenleaf, December 29th, 30th and 31st. The theme of the conference was "Be Ye Also Ready" (Matt. 24:44). Earl Geil was the conference evangelist. Classes were under the leadership of Paul Mills, who taught church doctrine, and Paul Thornburg, who had classes in personal evangelism. A large number attended the banquet New Year's eve in the gymnasium. After the banquet two sound films were shown, "Weighed in the Balances and Found Wanting," and "A Voice in the Wilderness." A stirring message was brought by Earl Geil, which was followed by a fellowship service of prayer, praise and testimony. These services were rich in blessing and inspiration, not only to our young people, but to many others who attended. Several found definite help at the altar during the conference.

### ONTARIO HEIGHTS

Don Morse and Patty Parisho visited at the Robert Morse home a few days during the Christmas vacation. During their stay Carl and Alice Wardlaw entertained in their honor, and in addition to the honor-guests, Robert and Lela Morse, Kenneth and Ruth Hull and children were present.

On December 20th Hubert Hull sold at public sale his cattle, farm machinery, etc. He expects to attend Cascade College next semester. A farewell party at the Max Swenson home was given for them December 30th.

Floyd and Evelyn Randall enjoyed a few days' visit from relatives in Springfield, Colorado, at Christmas time. Virgil Brown, husband of the late Lucille Clark, drove through, bringing Mr. and Mrs. Jay T. Clark, father and mother of Evelyn. A younger sister, Mary Jane, was in the group also.

We are making a special study of Ephesians in our regular mid-week prayer-meeting.



## MELBA

Our Cradle Roll superintendent, Mattie Smith, entertained all the mothers and their babes at her home Friday, December 13th. After games were played refreshments were served, and a gift was given to each babe and mother.

Mattie Smith entertained her junior boys class at her home Monday evening, December 16th. Supper was served, after which Ruth Smith showed projector films, and several games were played. Each boy received a gift from his teacher.

The Women's Missionary Society had its Christmas meeting with Marie McClintock December 19th. The devotions were led by Mrs. Gertrude Hunsperger. Mattie Smith and Kathryn Burton had charge of the program. An exchange of gifts closed the meeting. Refreshments of cookies, apples, candy and nuts were served by the hostess.

Hattie Bolitho, who was ill in the Samaritan Hospital with pneumonia during December, has been removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Reinke, where she is improving slowly.

Arthur Selby went to Portland for a short visit with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Selby, who are attending Cascade College. They returned home with him for the Christmas holidays.

The Sunday evening service of December 29th was dismissed for the C. E. midyear conference held at Greenleaf.

Sunday evening, December 22nd, during the C. E. service, Ruth Headrick put on the Christmas story in felt-o-gram, Gertrude Hunsperger reading the portions of scripture. Jack Otto led the singing of several Christmas songs. In the evening service Jack Otto brought the message.

Our Sunday School Christmas program was given Christmas eve, December 24th, with each class taking part. The junior choir made their first appearance in their new garb, each child bearing a lighted candle. They sang two songs. The church had been beautifully decorated the Saturday evening before, and friends and parents were present to hear the program. At the close of the program the church presented Denver and Ruth Headrick with a large mirror. Then Denver and Ruth gave our Sunday School a beautiful blue felt banner, with gold-colored fringe, and the words "Banner Class." Sacks with oranges, candy and nuts were handed out by the Sunday School Treat Committee to everyone.

The adult class and young people's class were one hundred per cent banner classes Sunday, December 29th. As many of the young people were home from college for the holidays, they were allowed the beautiful new banner given by our pastor and wife, until some other class wins it from them.

At the close of the Sunday School, December 29th, Arthur McClintock, who has pledged for the last three years \$1.00 to each member attending every Sunday during the year, and Arthur Selby, who made the same pledge this last year, found themselves indebted to the following six members—Becky and Elvin Clarkson, Joanne Peck, Raymond Smith, Mattie Smith and Kathryn Burton. Five of these were from the junior department. Arthur Selby renewed his pledge for 1947.

Our evangelistic meetings are now in progress—January 5th to 19th—with Marlin Witt, of Meadows, Idaho, as our evangelist, and Jack Otto in charge of the music.

Many of our number are sick with bad colds. Jess Montgomery was taken to the hospital January 6th, and at this writing is better. Little Ricky Farmer, small son of John Farmer, is in the hospital also. We are praying that both will soon be well and back in the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morse, of Ontario Heights, were in our service Wednesday, January 8th, called here by the serious illness of her father, Jess Montgomery.

## ROSEMERE (VANCOUVER)

Sunday morning, December 22nd, the Sunday School presented its fine Christmas program. The crowd was so large, and the seating capacity so inadequate, that some had to stand. At the close of the program, candy canes, and a bag of nuts and candy, were given to each one.

On the evening of December 22nd the young people presented the play "It Happened in Bethlehem," under the direction of Alice Hursch and Ivan Burnett. The spiritual message of the play, and the spirit in which the young people gave it, proved a blessing.

Rosemere meeting has a new piano now. A friend of the meeting, who has been worshipping here for some time, made this gift to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Toll are now assisting the William Bickle family in the Sunday School work at Fourth Plain Village. Bob is attending Cascade College. The zeal and enthusiasm of this young couple is greatly appreciated.

Jim and Winona Selby, Cascade College students, are assisting here at Rosemere. Winona has charge of the choir, and Jim is teaching the young people's class. Both come over on Wednesday nights from Portland for the choir practice and social hour. The meeting feels indeed grateful to them for their help.

On January 12th we closed our revival meeting with Merrill M. Coffin as our evangelist. There were fourteen seekers, and others witnessed to definite help gained during the campaign. The attendance was the best we have seen at any revival here. In April Hubert Mardock is coming for special meetings.

## WEST CHEHALEM

It is indeed encouraging to see the parsonage nearing completion. Since early in December the work has been going slowly, but steadily on. As this is written only the following major jobs remain to be done—plastering, flooring, inside finishing and painting. There are now no material shortages to prevent completion as far as can be seen. Necessary financing, to assure final finishing of the project, is still a problem to be solved, but with the Lord's leading there is confidence that this problem will be surmounted. Construction was begun away back in August, 1945, which is a long time to be working on one house. No doubt readers of the Northwest Friend will be glad, as the people of West Chehalis will be, when the parsonage is built, as it will mean that the correspondent will have to write about something else for a change.

West Chehalis C. E. was host recently to the Chehalis Center and Springbrook societies at a party held in the West Chehalis school gymnasium. Thirty-six young people enjoyed a pleasant evening of games together.

The combined choirs of Chehalis Center and West Chehalis gave three performances of the Christmas cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," during the Christmas season. Friday night, December 20th, it was given at Chehalis Center. Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, at Springbrook, and the same evening at West Chehalis. Appreciative audiences were on hand each time to enjoy the Christmas story in song.

Sunday, January 5th, was a very special occasion for many members of the Sunday School, when the beautiful, golden two-year wreaths for the Cross and Crown pins were given out. Twenty members qualified for the awards which are given in recognition of two full years' attendance at Sunday School without absence, except for sickness.

The upper classes of the Sunday School are competing with one another in their Bible reading for the Oregon Yearly Meeting contest. Mrs. Mae Waide's class of intermediate girls led the contest during the first months, but the lead was wrested from them in December by Mrs.

Rose Fendall's juniors. Three months remain to determine which class will emerge with the high score,

## SECOND FRIENDS (PORTLAND)

A fine Christmas program was presented December 23rd. Mary Sandos wrote and directed "The True Christmas Spirit," which was well given by her Sunday School class. At the close of the program the church presented our pastors (the Choats) with a large plate-glass mirror.

The watch-night service was well attended. Song, prayer and praise, a message by the pastor, a light lunch, a few Bible games, with closing prayer of consecration, was the order of the meeting.

Thirty-nine people report a wonderful trip to Mt. Hood on New Year's day. All returned safely. This is becoming a tradition, sponsored by the Aernauts class.

Our services are being greatly improved (especially for those who have difficulty in hearing) by the installation of a new public address system.

We look forward with great anticipation to a revival meeting, February 5th to 19th, with Rev. William Kirby, of Mt. Shasta, California, as our evangelist. Please pray with us for a gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit.

## NORTHEAST TACOMA

A farewell party was held for Jack and Geraldine Willcuts, following the Wednesday night prayer service. They were presented with a gift of money and a Wear-ever pressure cooker. We are very sorry to lose them, but proud that we had a part in sending such fine young people to Bolivia. May God bless them and give them wisdom and strength to carry on His work in that needy land.

Rachel Jacobsen, in training at Deaconess Hospital, Spokane, was home for a short vacation.

Elfreda Jacobsen was recently married to Rodney Baker. Mr. Baker is with the navy, and left shortly after the wedding for China.

Our new pastors, Calvin and Virginia Wilkins, and their two children, are getting settled in the parsonage.

The cradle-roll has been increased by three new names. Mr. and Mrs. Messinger are parents of a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes are parents of sons.

Herbert and Adriana Veedar and their son, Leoren, have left for North Dakota to make their home. Mrs. Veedar was our Sunday School superintendent, and Herbert Veedar was our treasurer. Their leaving has left quite a gap in our midst.

The annual Christmas program was given December 22nd. There were one hundred twenty people present. "Christmas Blessings," a series of forty beautiful color slides depicting the birth of Jesus and the coming of the wise men, was presented. Various singing parts were rendered by Virginia Wilkins and Margaret Wilson, and the Sunday School children. Virginia Leach and Margaret Wilson were the narrators. After the program several persons said how much they enjoyed it.

Several of our young people have been hurt. John Berlin has a broken arm, and Velda Leach, our pianist, broke her wrist.

## BOISE

The holiday season was highlighted by the wedding of Pauline Bybee and Robert Cadd in the Boise church December 22nd. The couple are attending Pacific College.

The smaller children of our Sunday School performed unusually well in our Christmas program, December 22nd, when they gave the play, "The Street of Hearts," directed by Mrs. Guy Fuller and Mrs. Marvin Casey. Another outstanding feature of the evening program was the showing of pictures of the Christmas story, with a background of familiar carols sung by the C. E. young people.

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Several of our young people have been taking part in the weekly Sunday night Youth for Christ broadcast over KJEM. They have participated in the singing and testimony time with real enjoyment and blessing.

We are sorry Wesley Murphy could not continue with us. We enjoyed his music and appreciate his interest in the work of our church.

## HIGHLAND AVENUE (SALEM)

Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee, the Sunday School put on a very fine Christmas program Sunday evening, December 22nd. Mrs. Smitherman was in charge of the entertainment, and the theme was, "The Star of the East." There was a good attendance. Treats were passed out at the close of the program.

A very good time was enjoyed by about fifty people on New Year's eve at the church. At 7:30 there was the regular mid-week prayer-meeting, with Glenn Armstrong as leader. Favorite hymns were sung the first half hour. Following prayer-meeting, a social hour, with refreshments, was enjoyed in the basement. Shortly after 11:00 p.m. our watch-night service was held, with Thelma Rose as leader. There were choruses sung, and scripture promises given, that had been of special help during the year 1946. Dona Howard and Dorothy DeLapp sang a duet, and Mayalle Turner sang a solo. This good service closed with a prayer for 1947 by our pastor, just as the new year was ushered in.

Some of our young people have been leaders at the mid-week prayer-meetings. They are Thelma Rose, Marynette Smith, Joyce Rose, and Mayalle Turner.

## McKINLEY AVENUE (TACOMA)

Our Sunday School Christmas program was presented on December 20th. Following the service a group of young people went about the community singing Christmas carols for shut-ins.

On December 22nd the girls' trio, Patsy and Mary Ellen Murphy and Joan Perry, visited members of the home department and sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith is head of the home department.

The Christmas story in song and scripture was presented at the Tacoma Rescue Mission on December 27th by the youth choir. Two men were at the altar.

The teachers and officers of the Sunday School took charge of a party and watch-night service on New Year's eve.

Terrell and Kathleen Repp and daughter, Lois, visited at the A. Clark Smith home during the holidays.

Clara Berg's class of junior high school girls had a surprise Christmas party in her honor, and presented her with a gift.

## THE CHALLENGE TO GOOD STEWARDSHIP

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the grace of God! We ought to be so thankful for our blessings that we are not only ready, but anxious to show our gratitude to God by sharing with others their sorrows, their troubles, and their griefs, as well as their happiness and joy.

And now I want to get down to the meat of this subject—the matter of money! We believe our Bibles and we know that there is no question that the law of the tithes appears in the Old Testament and was observed by the Israelites. This was done by them, and should be done by us, as a recognition of the principle of God's ownership over all of the possessions men



have in this world. Moreover, the Old Testament law in this respect was never abrogated and we are bound by it now just as God's children were then. I repeat, we should be happy to participate in the tithe, just as a recognition of the fact that God is permitting us to have for our use all the good things we have!

The law was kept very strictly by the Jews. We notice how circumspect about this law the scribes and Pharisees were, and yet, in discussing that point with His disciples Jesus asked this question: "What do ye more than they?" He is asking us the same question today. We can keep the letter of the law of the tithe, but unless we do more than just observe the letter of the law we are not enjoying the fullness of the blessing God has for us. It seems to me that when we hew right to the exact ten per cent of our income that the law of God requires, we are robbing ourselves of the joy and blessing which is ours when we take the broader view that, after all, 100% of our material gain is really God's and in recognition of that fact we give Him back not just exactly His 10% but also the offerings from a full and happy heart. Does the Scripture not say that we are to send to the store house our tithes and offerings? Thank God that we can give Him an offering above our tithe and in exchange receive spiritual blessing beyond our belief! Jesus said in another place, "Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

The one sin about which no one talks is covetousness. No one mentions this particular sin when he is talking of the various types of sins among men. It is a subject that is evaded, but I am telling you that covetousness is a disease that will grip the soul until it dies. The trouble with men is that the more they accumulate in the way of this world's goods, the more they want. No one is ever satisfied with his position in the scale of human wealth. Even the rich in this world's materials are not satisfied; they want to amass still more wealth. It is nothing but the sin of covetousness in action, and it will choke the soul into everlasting death. Do you want to accumulate possessions in the way of better clothes, bigger houses, bigger cars? Is that your goal in life? If it is, you are on the wrong track. Why, young men and women are taught in the schools these days everything possible to enable them to go out and win their way in the world. The world's idea of success is to gain great wealth, great fortune, great possessions; a place high in the scale in the eyes of the people around us. And it's all wrong! Rather than measure our wealth in fine clothes we can buy,

the marvelous mansion we can dwell in, the servants at our beck and call, we should be laying up treasures in heaven! Listen! Are we selling our souls for money? Judas did not sell Jesus; he sold Judas!

I want you to listen to the definition or description of stewardship given by Herman Weber. It is: "Stewardship unclenches the knotted hand, relaxes the rigid arm, and clarifies the muddled soul." Many a soul is going down to eternal death because of the hand clenched over worldly possessions.

In the 16th chapter of Luke we read the parable of the Unjust Steward. You remember how, when called upon for an accounting by his master, the steward in this parable decided to "feather a nest" for himself by letting off his master's debtors easily. He asked one man how much he owed. He said, "One hundred measures of oil." "Then sit down quickly, and write 50 measures of oil and we will call the bill square." The next man owed a hundred measures of wheat and was permitted to settle for 80. Did this steward have the best interests of his master at heart? Of course not! How about us? Are we discounting the interests of our Heavenly Master? Are we hoping to gain favor with the world by compromising and reducing our standards? Are we writing off obligations to the detriment of our Lord? Are we selling our souls for money and material possessions? We choose our own future and can select the path we will follow. I challenge you to be good stewards for God! To administer the material things we have at hand to His glory! Never was the need of the church greater; it is beyond computation! And one day, the faithful steward will hear those wonderful words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into thy heavenly rest!"

#### "WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

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##### The Man Joseph

Joseph was a person of remarkable character, in that he listened to and accepted the message brought to him by the angel of the Lord. Although he might have attempted to glory by an assumption that he was the father of such a remarkable personage as the Christ, there is no evidence that he ever in any sense or degree made such a claim. It is well worth while to review the facts as presented in the Scriptures. We see this man humbly and quietly adjusting himself to the situation. We note his fidelity in caring for his wife and for the Christ child. He accepted the responsibilities which devolved upon him and accomplished his God-given task in a beautiful manner.

It had been predicted that Christ would be born in Bethlehem. It fell to Joseph's lot to

be a worker together with God in bringing this to pass. We see him on his way to this historic little town with Mary, his wife. It was his menial task to bring her there in safety. And there the child who was to be ruler over the kingdom of Israel forever was born, the King of the Jews.

Herod the king sought to destroy the child. But Joseph was warned of God that he should take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt. Here he was to stay with them until the angel of the Lord should bring him word. It was thus that the prophecy was fulfilled that "out of Egypt have I called My son." Thus the seemingly impossible was accomplished. Joseph walked with God unostentatiously, an essential figure in the accomplishment of the purposes of God. Upon their return from Egypt, it is recorded that Joseph, fearful of the conditions in Judaea and being warned of God in a dream, went to Nazareth; thus was fulfilled the prophecy concerning Christ that "he shall be called a Nazarene." Here they dwelt until the time of the accomplishment of His mission in bringing the gospel to this benighted world, deeply meshed in sin.

It would be interesting to know the service of Joseph during the thirty years of Christ's life. But undoubtedly he labored in the interests of his family. In this association Christ had his part, not only as recipient but also undoubtedly contributing His part to the welfare of the whole. It is helpful for young and old to meditate upon the fact that Christ lived a normal human life. In this experience He became able to enter sympathetically into all the problems that make up life. It is beneficial to recall that He was in all points tempted like as we are. In this development we may be assured that Joseph had a part in training Jesus as a child, that he might have a full knowledge of life in all its aspects. Joseph, as the provider for the temporal needs of the family, set an example for those in the group to follow. In all of this service his mission was performed in a way to shape the lives of those under his care to the glory of God. In all of these matters undoubtedly Jesus was carefully trained. The result is seen in the fact that "the child grew and waxed strong in spirit" (Luke 1:80). Also we read in Lk. 2:52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." In all of this we can see that Jesus lived the normal life of a youth in the will of God.

It is well that we keep in mind the fact that Jesus was the Son of God. To what extent did He enter into this realm of His being? This we do not know—with the one exception of the statement made in the temple before the doc-

tors and Joseph and Mary—but it is quite proper to consider His knowledge of His unique Sonship. In this temple experience he met the doctors in hearing them and asking them questions in such a way as to cause astonishment. When he was chided by His mother for seeming neglect in failing to accompany them on the homeward journey, He gave expression to an enlightening and thrilling exclamation: "Wist ye not I must be about My Father's business?" Here He asserted a relationship far beyond ordinary human experience. It cannot be that He gave this matter thought at this time only. For eighteen years after the temple experience He must have, in what would be to Him a very natural course, meditated thoughtfully and prayerfully as the Son of Man on this transcendent phase of His being. In this He would grow and develop in a way to fit Him for the part He was to take in the accomplishment of the business God had committed to His care.

##### Jesus Christ the Son of Man

It is quite important that we consider Jesus as the Son of Man, for He was the God-Man. In my ministry I have strongly held that Christ was eternally God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, the Son of the Highest, the Father. In so doing I am not overlooking the fact that He is the Son of Man. In the Gospel records He is termed "the Son of Man" seventy-two times: this serves to emphasize the fact as stated. The outstanding importance of this is seen in the statement made by Luke in two passages regarding the Son of Man; the first is Lk. 9:56, "For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them;" again in Lk. 19:10 he writes, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

It is from this viewpoint that we should consider Christ in the perfecting of His office and relation to us as the Son of Man. There was in His mind and heart a constant reaching out for the realization of this service as a unique feature of His life. As the Son of Man He becomes the perfect Savior. This is clearly seen in such passages as the following, which bring out this truth: "For it became Him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10). Consider also Heb. 5:8-9, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." We should consider this point as developed in Heb. 2:14: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh



and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

The statement is made by Mathew Henry that Christ "must also be compassed with infirmity . . . Thus Christ was qualified; He took upon Him our sinless infirmities." He took upon Himself our sins in His death on the cross but in His life-time He took our sinless infirmities that He might, as the perfect Savior, bring us to a perfect state.

Christ was the eternal Son of God; as such He was sent of the Father into the world. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His Son into the world that we might live through Him" (I John 4:9). Upon Him was laid the iniquity of us all. And when the time came for the consummation of the purpose of God in His death, He gave His life on our behalf. And the Father raised Him from death in a glorious resurrection; thus through Christ as the Son of God we received eternal salvation. He as the God-man perfectly carried out the purpose of His Father in bringing to us this great salvation.

#### Christ's Eighteen Years of Preparation

We know that at twelve years of age He knew God as His Father in a unique sense. As we keep in mind this point, that He knew of His mission to accomplish His Father's business, may it not be—yes, is it not altogether probable—that during the intervening years before He entered upon His public ministry He may have entered into some of the experiences noted above? Is it likely that those years were void of any relation to His divine mission, especially as related to the steps in the perfecting of Him as the Son of Man, seeking the lost?

Before the Lord there was a great work to be accomplished. Of this the Father knew; Jesus knew that He must accomplish the "business" that the Father had committed to His charge. What more fitting than that during those eighteen years there was much communion between the Father and the Son regarding these matters?

It was thus that Christ knew perfectly what He was to enter into in seeking the lost of earth—the souls that the Father would give Him. He undoubtedly saw the suffering through which He was to pass, but He saw also the glory that would follow. He counted the cost, and when His time came He entered into the accomplishment of the task without hesitation. He was ready.

But what of Joseph during all this time? How much did He know of what was to take place? He was told at the outset regarding Jesus that He was to "save His people from their sins." Did he know what it was to cost Jesus to accomplish all this? Of this we cannot speak because we are not told of these matters as related to Joseph. But I like to think that Joseph had more on his mind in the care he bestowed upon the child and upon the youth than is revealed. But of this I am assured that he performed his part and did it well. He knew that Christ was not his son; he knew that He was the Son of God. This must have been upon his mind during the years that Jesus was in the home. During all those years he was true and faithful. He fades out of the picture without our knowledge as to when his work was done.

The Eternal Father stands forth supreme. The record given of the work of Christ under the direction of His Father is of great importance as related to our salvation. In the next chapter these matters will be given careful consideration.

(To be concluded)

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