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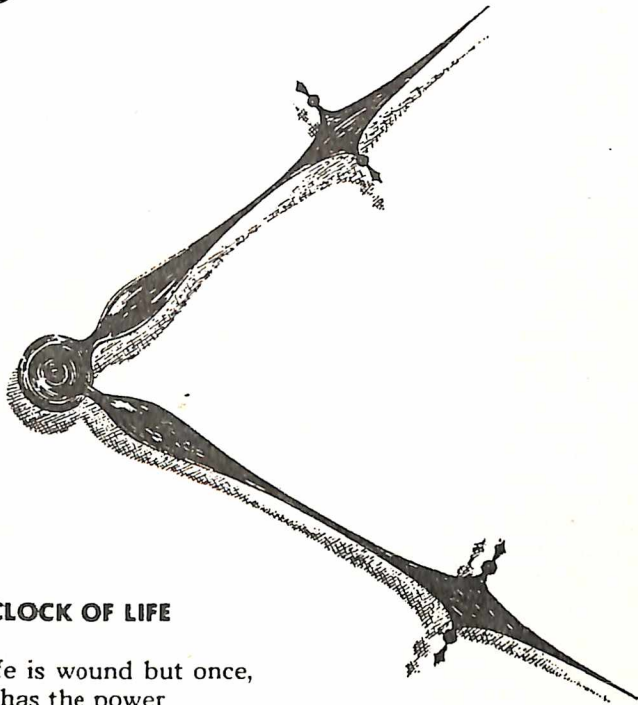
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THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own!
Work, pray, give with a will;
Place not faith in tomorrow—for
The clock may then be still.
—The Gospel Call.

The time is now!

Inflation and the High COST of LOVING

(Fourth in series of articles of Stewardship Department of Board of Public Relations)

By Mignon Pike

WHEN hamburger was seventeen cents a pound and haircuts were fifty cents, God needed your dollars to show Himself to men.

Today, when outrageous prices panic us with their squeeze-play on our inelastic purses, God's program has not subsided. Instead it has shifted gears into a high speed emergency campaign, racing ahead of the satanic tidal wave which is engulfing whole continents.

GOD'S WORK IS AT A CRISIS POINT TODAY. A fast tempo has to snatch and seize opportunities this afternoon, for the devil plans to grab them at midnight tonight!

If God's people are not to stand condemned at the Judgment for bloody laziness they must stir themselves as they have never stirred before. And they must somehow get hold of the CRISIS CASH to buy up souls for God.

Do we hear groans of despair? With eggs at eighty-five cents a dozen and many families spending one dollar out of every three for food alone, how can there possibly be any left for heroic missionary endeavors after the other bills are paid?

There is one fact certain in all economic quandries with which God is connected: shoe-strings put into His hands grow into strong ropes to pull the heavy financial burdens of the gospel.

Humanly speaking, however, Christians must look realistically at the present inflationary spiral.

First, America is still the "land of the sweet buy and buy." In spite of strained budgets, consumer goods are being bought at an all-time high rate, and relaxed credit is the bait for trapping us into securing chromium-trimmed "necessities." Has there ever been such a bombardment upon us to indulge ourselves? Christians are only human. It will take SUPERHUMAN SELF CONTROL AND A HEART ON FIRE to sacrifice and live on a "depression" level in this false era of prosperity. But how else will God get His share? And how can we live with our guilty consciences if we fritter away precious soul-saving dollars when God has so much at stake today?

Second, ECONOMY IS NOT A POPULAR DOCTRINE TODAY. Let's face the fact, Americans innately feel shame at penny-pinching, and only desperate necessity drives them to it. Do we Christians have enough vision and courage to practice the economies others won't stoop to in order to give God that CRISIS CASH?

Cold words and commands cannot kindle hearts to the flame which will reverse American materialism and see a dying and hungry world with outstretched hands and anquished souls. We must constantly expose ourselves to the pleas and sights of

the world's needy to hold fast to our standard of values. ONE CHINESE SOUL MAY BE WON TO CHRIST BY INVESTING ONE INFLATED DOLLAR. It will feed three little Korean orphans on three pounds of rice. (About two banana splits for an overweight American.)

THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH OUR MONEY CAN GO INTO THESE HOLY AND INFINITELY WORTHWHILE CHANNELS IS TO SNATCH IT AND PLACE IT THERE, SAFE IN GOD'S HANDS. THEN WE MUST SCHEME TO SOMEHOW GET BY IN INFLATIONARY AMERICA ON WHAT'S LEFT.

See them around the Throne—a shining eyed throng. "It was a hat," exclaims one—"a hat worn two winters that paid for the message of Jesus brought to us!"

Another explains, "And mine cost a new pair of shoes. An American got his re-soled and got along fine. How else would those dollars have been sent?"

Tears of shame would come to our eyes at such a confession. But of such trivial concessions could come a flood of God-directed dollars. For God's message rides with those dollars... and if our dollars don't go, neither does The Message.



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IT'S



THAT KILLS

By Merrill M. Coffin

SOME time ago, the British Medical Journal made this statement: "There is not a tissue in the human body wholly removed from the influence of the spirit." Many are coming to see more and more that the spirit, the mental attitude of man, has much to do with his physical well-being. Two patients were diagnosed by the same doctor on the same day. One was pronounced seriously ill with little hope of recovery. The other had nothing seriously wrong and would soon recover. These diagnoses were written out, and by mistake were put in the wrong envelopes and sent to the patients. The man who was "hopelessly" ill, recovered, and the man who had "little the matter with him," died—died of fear. It's worry that kills.

How refreshing are the words of Jesus (Matt. 6:25-34), "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat . . . Why take thought for your raiment? . . . Take no thought for the morrow . . . Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

Jesus was in a boat with the disciples on the lake. A sudden squall overtook them. The boat was filling with water. The disciples were terrified. Jesus, asleep in the boat was awakened. "Master, we perish!" was their cry. Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and spoke peace to the troubled waters—"and there was a great calm." And He said unto them, "Where is your faith?"

Faith is the opposite of fear. Fear causes worry. The only final and complete deliverance from fear is FAITH in One who is equal to every need. One who can take you safely through every experience of life—to its very end. "Behold the fowls of the air . . . your heavenly Father feedeth them." "Why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lillies" . . . "What shall ye eat? . . . or drink?" . . . "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." It is personal faith in God that casts out fear and worry.

The teaching of the new psychology has what it calls "the fortress technique." It consists in thinking through to your stand in a given situation, and determining that that stand shall be a rock—that nothing shall shake you from that position. Well, long before the psychologists thought up the "fortress technique," the Christian fortress was already established—the Rock Christ Jesus! Upon this Rock we stand. This is what Paul meant when he said to Timothy, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." This was what Paul meant when he wrote to the church at Rome, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that

loved us."

There is a second method which will help us against our fears. It follows the first, indeed it can never precede it. At best it is only an aid, but it is that to the one who is grounded in faith in Christ. It is this simple rule—Keep Busy. To have the mind and hands occupied with some challenging task is a splendid antidote to counteract the poison of worry and fear.

The article which told of the "fortress technique" also advised: "Keep in action. Never lie down when you worry. Weed the garden. Call on a friend. Eat some ice cream. Chew a peanut, but—don't lie down. Battle the blues on your feet!" In other words, Keep Busy! If that is good advice for the individual who does not know our Lord, and to whom the promises of the Word mean nothing, how much more it should mean to a Christian! If you have been struggling with worry and fear; if you have been despondent and blue; first, get to the Rock, Christ Jesus! Let Him rebuke the winds and quiet your sea of trouble—and then get busy! Give yourself in loving service. I quote a strange paradox which I heard long ago. "The pit from which you dig another becomes the hole where you bury your own sorrow."

A third method of dealing with our fears might be called, "The Law of Day-by-Day." Life is to be lived just a day at a time. It would seem that Isaiah must have had a song of joy in his soul when he wrote: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation." Would anyone doubt that he had "strength for the day" when those words were penned? God's word, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be," must have been a reality to him.

It has been said that, "No one ever fell under the burden of the day." It is when we add the burden of yesterday, or tomorrow, to that of today that the load becomes too heavy. Let us all learn the value of the promise, "Casting all your care upon him, for He careth for you." For all the troubles try the Christian Fortress Technique! Put your faith on the solid Rock, Christ Jesus. Keep Busy. Do something for somebody quick, and remember the Law of Day-by-Day.



The Roberts' Support

AND MISSIONARY FINANCES

Let us rejoice in the Lord for His gracious help in the missionary financial needs of the Yearly Meeting during recent months.

Many have followed with interest and concern the preparation of Mark and Wilma Roberts for the work in Bolivia, and the progress of their support. To some it may have seemed almost impossible to raise the support by personalized giving, but with God all things are possible.

Since the latter part of October thirty-two pledges of \$5.00 per month, or \$60.00 for the year, and a number of others (some larger and several smaller) have been made toward the Roberts' support. Several of these have been paid in full already. Most of the cash and pledges for this purpose have been received during the three missionary conferences held in Puget Sound, Boise Valley and Greenleaf quarters. In the Puget Sound conference the cash and pledges amounted to \$220, in the Boise Valley conference the amount was \$960.11 and in the Greenleaf conference the total was \$1189.67. Other money has been raised in the local meetings, but this cannot be reported until received by the Yearly Meeting treasurer and tabulated in the monthly report.

The monthly meetings are raising money for outfitting, and that which has been received as of December 1 is tabulated in the financial report below.

The missionary transportation fund has increased from \$297.93 on September 1 to \$1093.92 on December 1. While this yet lacks about \$200 of meeting this cost of sending the Roberts to the field, we believe the Lord will supply the need before time for Mark, Wilma and little James Leroy to leave for Bolivia.

Since it was necessary this year for the Board of Missions to raise a substantial portion of its budget (as well as any extra needs) outside the United Budget, the following report is made to cover receipts from Yearly Meeting time to December 1.

At the missionary service on Yearly Meeting Sunday the cash and pledges received amounted to \$4021.87. This included money for the purchase of a mission jeep—a gift from the Women's Missionary Union of \$500 and a personal gift of \$500. The remainder is to be used for the erection of a new Bible School building at the mission farm, and for items of the general budget which were omitted from the United Budget. Of this total, \$1878 came in personal pledges to be paid after Yearly Meeting time.

Receipts aside from the United Budget from Yearly Meeting to December 1:

Y. M. missionary offering
(including \$500 gift for Jeep) . . . \$1643.87
W. M. U. for Jeep at Y. M. 500.00
W. M. U. banquet for clinical project
in Bolivia 685.00

Personal support of Pablo Mendoza	60.00
Melba for Pedro Quanca	45.00
Calendar project	309.98
Missionary Children's support	106.62
For Bolivian pastors from Medford and Scotts Mills	22.77
Missionary school supplies from South Salem	5.00
Missionary Rest Home in Bolivia from W. M. U.	100.00
Bolivian teacher fund from Salem Quarter	16.08
Missionary launch from Spokane	15.00
Medical supplies from Newberg Quarter	20.00
Mission memorial from Springbrook	15.00
Bolivian Conference from Boise Valley Quarter	3.63
General Missionary program (from Spokane, Cherry Grove, Rose Valley, Baker, Nampa, Boise, Newberg Quarter, Puget Sound Quarter, Greenleaf Quarter and individual gift)	165.72
Paid on pledges made at Y. M.	221.00
For Roberts' Outfitting:	
Greenleaf	108.30
Salem Quarter	55.07
Melba W. M. U.	20.00
Star W. M. U.	20.00
Hayden Lake	20.00
Boise individual	25.00
Holly Park individual	5.00
Woodland	7.25
Miscellaneous	56.57
Roberts' Support:	
Puget Sound Quarter conference	51.00
Boise Valley Quarter conference	210.00
Boise Valley Quarter	54.65
Boise Valley individuals	15.00
Home deputation from Boise Valley Quarter	32.00
Oak Park W. M. U. for freight	1.00
Missionaries' Christmas	
Lydian Bible Class of Portland First Friends	20.00
Boise W. M. U.	45.00
Melba	20.00
Portland First Friends individual	20.00

Those making payments on pledges are requested to state clearly that such remittances are to be credited to their pledges.

—Walter P. Lee, president
Board of Missions



ITEMS OF INTEREST

SPOKANE SPEAKS

Excavation has started on the basement of the first unit of the church. The contractor began moving the dirt to fill a low place in his property, and by this we are getting two things done! We get the basement, and he disposes of the extra dirt for us. Four feet down he found good mortar sand, and we will not need to buy any of that material. We will dig it out of our own basement. Next project will be to set the forms for the footings—and then we begin.

Donald Lindgren is drawing the plans for us. Construction is to be cement blocks with a colored pumice brick face. A 12" wall is required, so we will use 8" and 4" brick.

Building around us goes on rapidly. Many of the houses are sold, even before the basement is dug out. Foundations are in and the first floor down on most of the houses in that district. It is to be completed by April 1st, 1953. Most of the buyers are young parents with families.

A correction is in order on two counts. 1st, the man from Prairie City, Ore., was Don Titus and not Don Stites. The other is that the bulletin stated work beginning by fall of '53. It is going on as of now.

Weather and road conditions in the woods have made progress in the timber very slow. We are pushing plans and will get the lumber out as we are able to man the project.

—A. Clark Smith.

33 BIBLES ON DISPLAY

To observe Universal Bible Sunday, December 14, 33 Bibles were displayed at the Homedale Friends Community church at the Sunday morning service. On exhibit were large family Bibles, with pages yellow and worn, medium and small Bibles, all prized possessions of their owners. Newest was the Revised Standard Version, published within the past few months, and owned by Mrs. Elmo Price.

Oldest was a German Bible, printed in 1753 and translated from the Latin to the German by Martin Luther, with his comments. It was brought to America by the Meaner family, ancestors of Mrs. J. Ray Barnes.

Family records for the past 158 years are registered in the Bible displayed by Mrs. Elbert Presley and Mrs. Ross Miller. Heading the list were the names of their grandparents, James Brown and Martha Horment, married April 27, 1794. These women also showed a New Testament carried through the Civil War by their uncle, John Brown, who belonged to Co. C, 81st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers.

Bert Adams' Bible was a gift from his father to his mother on their first wedding anniversary, August 31, 1882.

Side by side in the huge Bible of Mrs. E. I.

Murphy are translations of 1611 and 1881. It also contains the apocrypha and dictionary.

Translated from the Latin Vulgate, and printed in 1823, was a Bible belonging to Mahlon Shippees' father. Known to be at least 111 years old was Mrs. David Beebe's grandfather's Bible, and used in his ministry in Vermont. She also displayed a Blue Ribbon version of late date.

Printed in 1829 and containing the Apocrypha was Mrs. Roy Beeson's Bible, which originally belonged to her great grandmother Willey.

Many other Bibles were displayed, and among the newer ones were several reference Bibles and commentaries. Much interest was shown in the unusual display, and appreciation for the entries was expressed by the pastor, Clare Willcuts.

ASHLAND REPORTS

The Ashland Daily Tidings, the city newspaper, carried on its front page an article announcing our first prayer meeting for Tuesday, December 16th, with the following heading in bold-face type, "Friends Seek Church." Visitors from Talent met with us that evening, and the evening of December 23rd. While the Ashland attenders were our family only, we plan to continue our prayer meetings each Tuesday evening. The Lord graciously met with us in both of these services and encouraged our hearts as we united in prayer for the beginning of the work at Ashland and the continuance of His blessing on the Talent church.

We expect soon after the first of the year to begin work on storage space, and the converting of the garage into a place of worship. If you know of any Friends living in Ashland, please let us know of them.

Are you looking for a place of service? Come to Ashland to help us. Please pray that God will send us more helpers and supplies to meet our needs. We need song books, benches, and other church equipment.

We wish to thank all who have sent gifts to us and for the work. May God bless you everyone.

—Edward F. Harmon

BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT

The president of the Greenleaf Quarterly Meeting Brotherhood is Morris Ankeny. His boyhood home was in north eastern Nebraska. In 1938 he graduated from the high school in Allen, Nebraska, where he had earned honors in athletics. Following high school he went into the army and served for three years. In 1943 he and Maxine Smith were married. Maxine is the sister of Dorwin Smith, former pastor of Chehalem Center and Parkrose.

Morris is now farming near Greenleaf, Idaho. He lived on a farm while growing up, so is well acquainted with his profession. He is active in

church and Sunday school work and takes an active part in the local church.

This year is Morris' first year as president of the Brotherhood, and he is doing a very acceptable job. It is from this Quarter that a group of men went to Spokane and felled several thousand feet of timber this fall, to be used in the new church. The project chairman of this Quarter, John Tish, has challenged his men to give ten dollars apiece toward the building fund. Other Quarters are taking the challenge and have begun raising money in this way.

Any man in Greenleaf Quarter who doesn't go to the Brotherhood meetings is missing fine fellowship and the acquaintance of a fine Christian man who is your president, Morris Ankeny.

—David Pruitt.

WMU READING LIST

The response to the article in the Northwest Friend for November has been gratifying. The interest in reading books of missionary interest among the women of the Yearly Meeting it is hoped will become even greater, not only for the enjoyment of the reading of good books, but more for the information that will be so gathered.

Some additional titles now available for borrowing are listed below. When writing for a book please list at least two titles, a first and second choice.

Sand and Stars, by Ruth Stull (S. America)
Climbing, by Rosalind Goforth (China)
High Spots in the Andes, by Josephine Woods (S.A.)
Progress of World Wide Missions, by Robert Hall
Glover (study book)
Til Break of Day, by Catherine Devol (India)
Great Missionaries to the Orient, by Mueller
Goforth of China, by Rosalind Goforth
Splendor of God, by Morrow (Burma)

Write to: Mildred H. Brown, 1417 1/2 N. Division, Apt. 6, Spokane 1, Wash., for any of the above books.

EVANGELISTS

Marlin Witt, Rt. 6, Nampa, Idaho. Slate.—Rosedale Friends Church February 1-15. Open date after March 1.

Bernice Mardock "As my co-worker is detained at home because of illness of her mother, I am open for evangelistic meetings as evangelistic singer and children's worker." Address: 607 E. 3rd St., Newberg, Oregon.

NOTICE.—Free to any one coming for them, a complete list of Yearly Meeting Minutes since 1918. Also some books yet for sale. Will advise any one interested about what I have left for sale.

—Edgar P. Sims
530 Cross St.
Salem, Oregon



The Superintendent's CORNER

The purpose of this column is to give information as to the general work of the Yearly Meeting superintendent and to provide a way for him to share occasionally his concerns to the whole Yearly Meeting.

During the fall months I have been in the field visiting churches, attending meetings, etc., almost constantly. I have not reported to you during the past three months, so herewith is a brief resume of the recent schedules.

October: Dedication of new meeting house at Nampa, speaking in services at Star, Greenleaf Brotherhood, Portland Quarterly Meeting and Forest Home. I also attended the N.A.E. Board of Administration meeting in Chicago and made some contacts for the college in the East during that trip.

In November the first in a series of missionary rallies was held in Seattle Memorial church for Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting. This was held in conjunction with their regular Quarterly Meeting and was a time of great blessing. Subsequent rallies were held in Boise Valley and Greenleaf quarters. The response to our appeal for support for Mark and Wilma Roberts has been very hearty, and a full report of this will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Northwest Friend. Others speaking engagements for the month were at Cherry Grove, Chehalem Center, Sprague River, Eugene, Boise, Melba, Idaho pastors' meeting, Ontario Heights, Homedale and Riverside.

During December I conducted a week-end meeting at Hayden Lake, Idaho, and visited meetings at Hillsboro, Newberg, Second Friends where I attended Christmas services with my family, and Ontario Heights, where we had the rare privilege of visiting my brother from New Jersey and my sister from Denver, as well as my mother, the pastor at Ontario Heights.

One of our meetings has recently decided to take an added responsibility of contributing \$100.00 per month to be divided equally between home and foreign missions. This is a good indication of a real concern for an expansion of our present plan of home and foreign evangelization. When we come to the place in our missionary program where we draw the line and say "thus far, and no more," we are bound to lose the freshness and vitality of the vision Christ intends for us to have. We must never be satisfied with what we are doing, but ever press on to new planes of achievement. One church has a slogan, "Not containment but expansion." Let this be our watchword.

Is it right to say, "Tell me how much is my share and I'll pay it"? Our giving ought to be on a higher plane than moral obligation; it can be on the basis of love's persuasion, that as long as I have, I will share with those who do not have. When we reach that place where we all feel that this is a matter that calls for our all, and our best,

then we will enjoy—expansion.

I want to add my word of encouragement for every member of our Yearly Meeting, and for every pastor to fully cooperate with the Yearly Meeting Stewardship chairman's program on Tithing. A tithing church is a growing church.

Under our present system of finance, it seems to me that the only answer to an effective expansion program is through individual and church participation in going over and above the usual giving, such as that meeting did that added the \$100.00 per month for special projects.

I have heard some speak about methods of giving, such as the "dollar a month" plan which would support a project without hurting anyone. We don't want people to be hurt but if you give without a sense of sacrifice you have lost a great joy in giving. Great things will never be done in our Yearly Meeting until many of us go all out for this business of being faithful in our stewardship.

It is refreshing to know that there are those who know what it means to go all out for God. Read again the tithing testimonies in recent issues of the Northwest Friend. There you will find how these faithful stewards have tested and proved the promises of God. This is not mere business or church propaganda, it is a spiritual matter which demands first of all our heart allegiance, and then our all.

BIRTHS

LANDRETH.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Landreth, Eugene, Oregon, a son, Jeffrey Scott, born November 17.

CHAPMAN.—To Ralph and Marie Chapman, La Paz, Bolivia, a son, Wayne Ralph, born December 16.

DEATHS

SMITH.—Clair Steven Smith, infant son of Clair and Lois Smith of Star, Idaho, died October 5, at Samaritan Hospital, Nampa, Idaho.

ELLIS.—Alma Ellis of First Friends, Portland, passed away December 10. She was the wife of Charles Ellis and the mother of Marie Chapman of Bolivia. Services were held in First Friends church with Charles Beals and Jack Willcuts officiating. She had been a member of First Friends since 1891.

PETTENGILL.—Mrs. Katharine Pettengill died November 26th, 1952. She had been a constant sufferer for some eight years, but never a word of complaint from this fine Christian person. Her testimony was confident and continuous that her needs were met in Him. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Carl D. Byrd.

Fifteen Week ADVENTURE in TITHING

January 4 - April 15

1. Who should use the tithing booklets?

Everyone. If the wife is not earning income outside the home, but shares in the desire to tithe the family income, both are tithers and should fill out the 15 WEEK ADVENTURE IN TITHING BOOKLET. If an older person has no regular income, but has practiced tithing and believes in it, fill out the booklet. (NOTE: There is no place to put "amounts" or names. This is not important to the program but is a personal matter between you and the Lord.)

2. These tithing booklets have been sent to every family receiving the Northwest Friend. Where other books are needed, ask your pastor.

Can you afford not to tithe?

AROUND GEORGE FOX COLLEGE

GOSPEL QUARTET FESTIVAL

The annual Gospel Quartet Festival, sponsored by the Singing Men of George Fox College, an event which for the past three years has packed out both the Newberg high school auditorium and gym, will be held again this year at the same location, Sunday afternoon, February 8.

Klane Robison, president of the "Singing Men," and his associates who are planning this year's big event, report that interest is extremely high. All quartets so far contacted have indicated enthusiasm in response to the group's invitation to take part in this year's program. The only difficulty facing the planning group at the present time is how to enable all those quartets desiring to take part to do so. This problem, however, is being solved at latest report.

The festival will be broadcast over radio station KMCM, of McMinnville, as it was last year, and also will be released over a special network of northwest Oregon and southwest Washington radio stations. The radio end of the planning is being stepped up because of the splendid response last year.

Special stage settings will enhance the program again this year. But the highlight, of course, will be the quartet singing. Just which quartets will be on hand is not definite at this writing. Robison reported that the "Singing Men" want to alleviate as much as possible any feeling of competition, but rather afford a greater spiritual ministry and blessing.

Those desiring choice seats for the Festival should arrive early. An effort is being made to make the seating in the gymnasium more like that in the auditorium for the benefit of the overflow crowd. Last year some 2200 people attended. No admission charge is made, but a free-will offering for expenses is taken.

CHRISTMAS-TIME GIFTS

That statement, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity," has been proven again at George Fox College. Just when the financial picture of the operating budget of the college began to fade in late December, some \$3500.00 in special gifts came in to relieve the depleted treasury.

Two Oregon corporations came through with very sizable gifts. One was a check for \$2500.00 personally given to college officials. The other, for \$500.00, came during the last week in December. In addition to this some \$350.00 had come in response to a special "Christmas Greeting" letter, giving the needs of the college, which was mailed to the entire mailing list of the school. This amount had come in just two weeks after the letter was mailed. In many cities and towns the delivery of the letter was delayed because of the

extreme Christmas rush of mail in post offices. The letter was mailed in Newberg December 15. Those who received this letter are urged by college officials to respond with even a small amount so that the many bills and salaries may be paid on time. Individual gifts so far have ranged from \$1.00 to \$100.00.

In addition to the above-mentioned funds the college in mid-December received a gift of \$737.75 from Dr. and Mrs. John C. Brougher, Vancouver, Washington, specifically for asphalt tile on all the floors in the Science Hall and a new electric range for the Dining Hall kitchen. The Science Hall, built in 1947, was a gift of the Broughers. The tile will be one of the last finishing touches on the building. The Broughers are members of Vancouver First Friends Church.

THEY EARN STRAIGHT A's

Two seniors and a freshman, Maribeth McCracken, Roger Smith and Arnold Lee, received perfect 4.00 grade point averages to top the honor roll for the second six weeks period, according to statistics released by Miss Mary C. Sutton, college registrar.

Seniors following Maribeth and Roger on the list of honor students are Marjorie Larrance 3.62; Leland Brown, 3.43; Melda Chandler 3.40; Klane Robison 3.30; Rosetta Ballard 3.25; and Dan Barham 3.00.

Myrta Chandler, with a 3.71, leads the juniors, followed by Dorothy Williams 3.36; Carol Gossard 3.27; Nancy Foley, Marian Perry and Eugene Brown all 3.00.

The sophomore class is headed by Yvonne Hubbard 3.71. Other sophomores making the honor roll are Ted Eichenberger 3.58; Orville Winters 2.47; Dorothy Oppenlander 3.43; Betty Brown 3.36; Clinton Brown 3.20; Rosemary Ramsey 3.15; Lois Burnett 3.13; Marilyn Houston, Lavelle Robison, Elletta Wheeler and Don Pearson 3.00.

Second place in the freshman class went to Ardeth Beals with a 3.86 grade point. Jo Anne Tuning has 3.63; Ellen Haines 3.60; Velda Leach 3.07; Dorothy Gimbel and Bob Byrd 3.00.

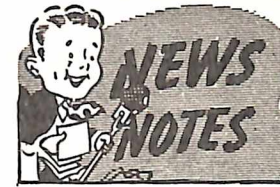
Special students on the honor roll are Dwight Huss 4.00 and Violet Richey 3.71.

NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Helen Willcuts, instructor in home economics and dean of women, left Friday evening, December 19, by Western Airlines for a Christmas vacation in Hawaii. She was accompanied on the trip by Arlene Willcuts, her sister; and Miss Ruth Crozer. The three visited Miss Crozer's family in Hilo, Hawaii, and Dr. and Mrs. Gervas Carey in Honolulu, as well as other friends.

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Christian Endeavor Doings



NAMPA

Nampa reports that they were hosts to the Quarterly Meeting CE Rally on October 24th. Clair Smith, superintendent, presided.

Dick Cadd was in charge of the music after which he gave a solo. A trumpet duet was given by Fred and Chuck Newkirk of Melba.

Meadows Valley was given the banner with seven present, even though it was over 100 miles to come. Marlin Witt brought an inspiring message. Refreshments were served, following the meeting, in the basement. Ice cream was furnished by the Greenleaf Creamery.

A Halloween party was given by the losing side of a contest for getting new members October 31st. A chili feed followed the games.

To spread Thanksgiving cheer the young people put food together in a large basket and gave it to a needy family.

The party for November was in the form of a scavenger hunt followed by a progressive party to five different homes.

WEST CHEHALEM

Mignon Pike is sponsoring a newly organized intermediate CE. On a recent Sunday evening they gave an original play entitled, "Dr. Scattergood's Clinic." This depicted very dramatically some of the spiritual ills and their gospel remedies. At our Sunday school Christmas program they also presented another original play, "Christmas and the Iron Curtain."

NOTICE !!

The Yearly Meeting Christian Endeavor executive committee asks that the Friends churches cooperate with the National Christian Endeavor Union in observing the week of January 26 to February 1 as Christian Endeavor week.

It is suggested that if possible, the churches plan a service centering around Christian Endeavor young people. Perhaps the history of CE could be given with emphasis upon its importance in the lives of young people.

For more information and material contact the National Christian Endeavor Union office.

FOR JUNIORS ONLY!

Hi, Juniors!! Have a nice Christmas? Have any snow around? I was thinking that some Sunday it would be fun to have a "snow-ball fight" in CE. Divide into sides and have a quizz with each question being written on a "snowball." Or if your group is too small to divide, have individual questions. Toss a snowball to the one you want to answer the question.

Sometime you might have a Bible hunt using references on snow, rain, winter, etc.

Let's have a verse: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7:12.

BE YE DOERS!!

AROUND GEORGE FOX COLLEGE

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Paul McNeely, instructor in psychology and education, underwent an appendectomy at the Portland Osteopathic Hospital the second week of December. He returned to the classroom following the Christmas holiday.

SINGING IN THE DARK

In the night of our affliction
There is triumph in the song
That the Spirit sings within us—
In our weakness He is strong;
And the devil flees before us,
For he cannot stand the joy
Of a song that's sung at midnight,
As the Lord our tongues employ.

In the night of our affliction
How His love upon us beams;
And He sheds a glory o'er us
This old world has never seen.
Then the devil packs his troubles,
For he cannot stand the peace
Of a heart that's still at midnight
E'er the Father sends relief.

In the night of our affliction
How He sups with you and me!
And the music goes before us,
Clear and strong, to set us free.
For the devil cannot stand it—
All his plans have gone astray—
If we sing a song that triumphs
In the midnight of our day.

—Olivia C. Campbell

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Newberg Quarterly Meeting

SPRINGBROOK

Waldo Hicks, pastor

The Sunday following Thanksgiving an offering of over \$500 was given to provide a heating unit for the new annex to the church. A propane gas wall furnace has been installed, so one new room can now be used. We appreciate the gifts of all who helped make this possible.

Dollie Miller has returned home after a six weeks trip to Colorado, Kansas and Texas.

The CE members held their December party at the parsonage. All reported a good time.

Sunday evening, Dec. 17, Mark and Wilma Roberts, of Nampa, Idaho, gave an interesting account of their call to the mission field. They expect to fly to Bolivia about the middle of January.

The play, "To Them That Sit in Darkness," was presented by a cast from the Springbrook church at the Quarterly Meeting Friends Brotherhood meeting at Chehalem Center Monday evening. Those taking part in the play were Frances Hicks, Bruce Hicks, Gloria Peters, and Lela and Barkley Tompkins.

Glen and Ruth Mills went to Caldwell, Idaho, last Thursday where they were called by the illness of Ruth's mother, Flora Harris, who is in a hospital in Nampa, Idaho. They were accompanied on the trip by Jane Wilkins.

The Christmas program given by the SS children Sunday morning was good in spite of the inroads of chicken pox and flu among those who were to take part.

In the evening the play, "To Them That Sit in Darkness," was well presented. Because of sickness and bad weather the attendance was rather small. Special numbers were furnished by Priscilla Doble, and a ladies trio composed of Leona Drahn, Ruth Hockett and Lela Tompkins.

We are anticipating special meetings to be held during vacation by Dr. W. E. Byrne of Jennings Lodge.

WEST CHEHALEM

Herman Macy, pastor

Earlene Baker, who is a student at Greenleaf Academy this year, spent the holidays with her parents, Russell and Irene Baker.

At the December meeting of our WMU the women packed a large Christmas box for one of our outpost pastors. They also prepared a package of baby clothes for the Roberts to take with them to Bolivia.

Our pastor has been giving a series of talks on prophecy on Sunday evenings at the Lents church in Portland. Claude Pike has been supplying in his absence.

NEWBERG

Carl Byrd, pastor

It has been a pleasure to sing for the rest homes and thus bring a little joy into lives that have little enough at best.

New Testament portions were secured so that any who cared for them could have this by which to study the SS lessons in Matthew.

The community choir has been of great interest to Friends, for there were some 75 from this church and college who participated in the presentation of Handel's "Messiah," Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14th. The presentation has been highly praised. It was broadcast from McMinnville the 21st. Over 1000 listened to the presentation. The choir had some 200 members and the plan is to present the "Messiah" each year.

It was a joy to have the Paul Cammack family here for Sunday, Nov. 9th. Paul spoke in the morning and pictures were presented of the work in the evening. A large audience listened to these presentations.

It was our joy to have Mark and Wilma Roberts as our guests for the Bible School hour, Sunday, Dec. 14th. They told of their call and preparation.

An all-church potluck supper was held on Thursday eve-

ning, Nov. 13th, when almost 100 sat down and ate together. The choir then went to their rehearsal, and a program was carried on at the table for the others. It was a most happy time and profitable.

A fine delegation attended the Quarterly Meeting sessions at Springbrook, Nov. 7-9.

Our church cooperated in the community Thanksgiving service, Nov. 27th, at the Baptist church when the church was well filled and a most helpful message given.

Charles Haworth presented pictures of his trip to Cuba. These highly appreciated pictures and his remarks made us all understand the Friends Yearly Meeting in Cuba much better than heretofore.

Many social affairs have been enjoyed through the Christmas season by various SS groups and classes, as well as other groups within the church. We have been very much encouraged with the fine reports of the recovery of Amy Carey.

A generous offering was received toward the transportation of Mark and Wilma Roberts when Paul Cammack was here, and a further offering was given in anticipation of the need for luggage for their trip.

Universal Bible Sunday was observed on Dec. 7th. Mrs. Della Osborn, as chairman of the Good Literature committee had charge of the Bible table when some 50 copies of various kinds of Bibles were shown. Dr. Levi T. Pennington gave the message that morning. The pastor had been called to go to Netarts. The pastor and his wife found a most hearty welcome at Netarts, where he spoke and they sang. Loren and Betty Mills took them, and she ministered in song to them. It was a happy service and it was found that the Netarts church is coming along fine and will be ready for dedication before too long.

The need for clothing for Korea has been regularly presented and a fine response has been given to this appeal.

NETARTS

David Thomas, pastor

We were glad to have Carl and Ella Byrd and Loren and Betty Mills with us the Sunday of Dec. 7. Carl Byrd brought the morning message, and the Byrds and Betty Mills brought special numbers in song. We appreciate the help that Carl Byrd and the people of the Newberg meeting have given us through the past few years.

The WMU met at the parsonage this week and did some more work on medical supplies to be sent to Bolivia.

The Christmas program was held the morning of Dec. 21, under the supervision of Mary George, and was very well attended.

The men have been working evenings on finishing the main auditorium. We still have the floor to lay. We now have lights and heat in the building, and are hoping to be able to use it in a few weeks.

Portland Quarterly Meeting

PIEDMONT

Mahlon Macy, pastor

On Dec. 10, Mark and Wilma Roberts spoke at our prayer meeting. They told of their calls to the mission field and Bolivia in particular, how the Lord had worked out His plan in their lives. It is such young people that we can have faith in, to believe that they will fulfill their call.

A forward step has been taken by our church in pledging additional money for home and foreign missions.

Sunday morning, Dec. 7, we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Jack Conner who gave us the gospel on his vibraphone, as well as giving the summary of his conversion from darkness to light, then going on to tell of his consecration and sanctification. It was indeed a challenge to everyone that heard him.

Dr. Petticord spoke and showed colored slides of the Northwest, the campus of the Western Evangelical Seminary, and various churches with their pastors that are graduates of the Seminary. Dr. Petticord presented the need for an

evangelistic seminary in the Northwest.

The WMU met for their Christmas meeting at the home of Florence Snow. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by over 40 people. Mrs. Norvella Doddridge was in charge of the devotions. Mary and Clyde Thomas, just returned from the mission field in Africa, were there with Mary Thomas giving a very interesting description of their work.

The Christmas program given Sunday evening, Dec. 21, was very fine with the SS children taking their part, then a tableau of the manger scene, and to end the evening the play, "The Star That Shined in Darkness," directed by Elizabeth Delano.

ROSEMERE

Douglas Brown, pastor

At this writing the Christmas program is being practiced and promises to be a good one. Much work has been put into the program and I'm sure that God will touch the hearts of all who attend with the message that it holds.

The WMU has enjoyed several good meetings of late. We have finished with the Christmas box for an outpost family, and it is on its way. We also have mended and gotten clothing ready for the "relief for Korea" drive. It's a great privilege to be able to help others.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the other Friends a very happy and prosperous new year. It should be our resolve that we will work and pray harder than ever before, thereby making this next year the very best one for Christ.

FOREST HOME

Ronald Crecelius, pastor

We have had a steady increase in SS and worship services, along with a noticeable moving of the Spirit in our midst.

Jack Cadd, our SS superintendent, keeps things moving, realizing the necessity of a moving and interesting program. We have seen results in the increased attendance.

A number have been ill and some in the hospital, but we praise God for the way He has answered prayer and touched bodies.

Work nights at the church have brought much improvement in the finishing of the basement and the SS rooms.

We were privileged to be the host to Men's Brotherhood on Dec. 2nd.

We are each thanking the Lord for His many blessings to us this holiday season.

LENTS

Jack Willcuts, pastor

During recent family hours the adults have had the privilege of having Rev. Herman Macy give a series of lessons on prophecy.

Laura Shook was with the senior CE on Nov. 30.

Paul and Phyllis Cammack were with us both morning and evening Dec. 7. Mark and Wilma Roberts were with them in the morning and gave their concerns for the contemplated medical work on the field. During the family hour the Cammacks showed pictures, and during the evening service they conducted an informal panel discussion, answering questions asked by the congregation. This made it more personal as each one heard the answer to the question in which he was interested.

One of our members, Gladys Haworth, has been in Portland Sanitarium for surgery, but she is home now and feeling much better.

It was our privilege on Dec. 11 to have Clyde and Mary Thomas with us for a potluck dinner and to show pictures of their work in Africa. We saw several familiar faces on the screen from the Friends NHMS, and other missions there.

The annual WMU Christmas party was held Dec. 18. The party began at the Morse home and adjourned to the Meireis home. The evening was spent in games and packing the Christmas boxes for Hal and June May and children, and one for Beverly Lewis of our church who is an NHMS missionary to the Mexican border. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Over a dozen young people gathered at the Belles' home on Dec. 19 to help Beverly Belles celebrate her 16th birthday. After an evening of games, cake and ice cream were served.

The attendance at SS Dec. 21 was 201. At this time

the primary and junior departments presented their program of recitations and special music, followed by a chalk picture by Geraldine Willcuts. We were glad to have Lois Bain with us to sing "The Holy City" in the morning service.

The annual Christmas play this year, "A Gift for the Christ Child," was presented at 7:30 Dec. 21 to a large audience, who report it was excellent. Thanks to Kenneth Williams who directed it.

Clark, Elizabeth and Loren Smith spent the holidays with Terrell and Kathleen Repp, and were with us at prayer meeting Dec. 23 when Mr. Smith gave a message and told us of the progress in the Spokane work, for which we thank God.

FIRST FRIENDS (Portland)

Charles A. Beals, pastor

The high school CE had charge of the evening service, Nov. 30. They have charge of every fifth Sunday of the month. Meredith Beals, president, presided and Wayne Cole led the singing. The male quartet from the Christian high school sang. Talks were given by several members.

R'Dean Smith Jr., Carol Hayne, and Janet Adams have won bronze medals in three different WCTU bronze medal contests. As soon as there are five bronze medal winners, a silver medal contest will be held. These are members of our junior department.

Dick and Barbara Foster have recently returned from a trip to Europe. They visited mainly in Sweden, where Dick has relatives. They brought back several reels of film and some beautiful color snaps.

Alma Ellis, mother of Marie Chapman, passed quietly to her reward Wednesday morning, Dec. 10. She had been an invalid and unable to attend church services for many years. Ralph and Marie Chapman will be returning home for their furlough sometime in 1953 with a new addition to their family—a baby boy. Charles Ellis will live alone for the present.

Our Christmas program will be held Monday evening, Dec. 22. Following the program, mothers and fathers are invited to visit classrooms and talk to teachers. SS class members are working on decorations for their classrooms. There will be an open house time and refreshments will be served.

The choir presented musical numbers and a Christmas chorologue at a vesper service Sunday afternoon, preceding Christmas.

Miss Grethe Anderson, of Copenhagen, Denmark, now a student at Cascade College, told the heart-warming story of her life one Sunday evening. This meeting was a time of rich blessing.

Paul Mills preached and presented the needs of students at George Fox College who are preparing for full time Christian work. An offering of \$100 was taken towards scholarships.

Mrs. Virginia Helm, superintendent of the junior department in the SS, has organized a "Stay at Church" club among the members of her department. The boys and girls are keeping notebooks in which they write the songs, scripture, and other interesting items. Sometimes they record the repetition of words in the sermon, as, "God," "Bible," "Salvation," and other words.

OAK PARK

Earl Geil, pastor

Our pastor was the speaker for the two weeks of special meetings held at the Vancouver First Friends church.

In his absence the following brought excellent, Spirit-filled messages: Mr. Goodwin, a retired Methodist minister, Ray Carter, editor-in-chief of the Northwest Friend, and Pete Fertello, 1953 graduate of George Fox College, who is also our assistant pastor.

The new officers of the CE were duly installed at an impressive candle-light service conducted by the leaders, Pete and Lorna Fertello.

The Raymond Andrews family has moved to Montana. Appropriate books were given to each one in appreciation for their spiritual influence.

Charlotte Mills, a highly talented and active member, has found it necessary to go to Spokane, and has had her membership transferred. A lovely useful gift was given to her.

A church census of the community was taken in an effort to get acquainted with the unchurched neighbors and invite them out to the services.

Many of the members paid a "house-warming" visit to the Herman Hartungs, who have recently moved to a farm. The young people are staging a fine, attractive Christmas play on Sunday evening before Christmas. The primary department will present their program just before the play. There is much activity among the young people and many class parties are being held.

The "Adult Friends Fellowship" class held a party Dec. 12th. The social hall and the tables were attractive with seasonal decorations. Two films: "The Guiding Star" and an interesting travelogue were shown. Christmas refreshments were served to 24 members and guests.

The missionary group has been very busy making aprons, towels, gowns and layettes, rolling bandages, piecing blocks, tacking quilts and packing a Christmas box for the Paul Cammack family, also one for our Dorothy Barratt who has a pastorate in Iowa.

The afternoon meeting on Dec. 18th was a Christmas party held at the parsonage. Under a lovely tree many mysterious packages from unknown sisters found their way!

Christmas hymns were sung, a lovely Christmas story was read, and delightful refreshments were served. Twenty-two ladies were present.

Groups of carolers will wend their way through the community on Christmas eve, filling the air with Christmas cheer.

Salem Quarterly Meeting

SCOTTS MILLS
Evert Tuning, pastor

Seventeen of our number attended Salem Quarterly Meeting, held at South Salem Nov. 15. Several of our young people attended the CE rally on Friday evening.

The WMU was held at Lucile McCracken's on Nov. 21. At the close of the morning service on Nov. 23 the congregation was invited to the basement where we found a table loaded with groceries, a Thanksgiving "shower" for our pastors. Docia Trescott made the presentation speech, followed by a response by our pastor and wife.

Virena Tuning was called to Idaho Nov. 25 to attend the funeral of her step-mother; she returned Dec. 1.

Sophia Newton is missed from our midst. She underwent surgery Dec. 10, and we trust will be able to come home early next week.

We were happy indeed to have the following named visitors in our services on Nov. 30: Clyde and Mary Thomas, who served this meeting as pastors more than 30 years ago; Marion and Evangeline Cook, who left the pastorate here 5 years ago; Violet Baker from Idaho with her parents, Isaac and Dessie Newton; Maurice Magee, and Jessie Wakefield. The presence and testimonies of these dear friends was a great inspiration and blessing to all present. The Thomases remained for the evening service, showing pictures and giving us much information of the Friends work under Kansas Yearly Meeting in Belgian Congo, Africa.

Several of our people attended a part, or all, of the SS workshop held at Highland Friends church, in Salem, Nov. 5, 6, and 7. This was ably sponsored by the Christian Education Committee of the Quarterly Meeting.

The second week in December, three evenings were given to Bible classes, conducted by our pastor, on the subject of Scriptural grounds for Friends' belief on the ordinances. We feel this was time well spent. God graciously met with us.

We have been richly blest by the Spirit-filled messages our pastor has been bringing, based on the Queries; these have been soul stirring, and we trust will bear fruit. May we, as a church, measure up to all the light God gives us, is our earnest prayer.

It was a great pleasure to have Paul Cammack and family with us for the morning and an afternoon service on Dec. 14. Their messages and the pictures were a great inspiration. As a result, we feel we know better how to pray for the needs, and the great need of more intercessory prayer, as well as sacrificial giving. Potluck dinner was served in the basement.

The young people's SS class gathered at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Fred Jarvill, for a party the evening of Nov. 28. Many games were played, and after refreshments, Fred Jarvill led the devotions.

HIGHLAND AVENUE
Paul Barnett, pastor

The Salem Quarterly Meeting SS workshop was held here Dec. 5-6-7. This was a unique opportunity for all SS officers, teachers, and pastors.

The Homebuilders SS class had their monthly meeting and dinner, Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the church basement. The pastors were presented a food shower as a Christmas gift from the group.

The Christmas cantata, "The Great Light," by H. Lillenas, was presented Friday, Dec. 19, by our choir, with Paul W. Barnett as director, and Ethelwynn DeLapp, organist. We appreciate very much the cooperation of all in making this presentation a success.

The children's Christmas program, prepared by the intermediate, junior, primary, and beginners departments of the SS will be presented Sunday morning, Dec. 21. Directors are Donna Randolph, Jacquelyn Davis, Eleanor Burton, and Alice Barnett.

All friends and acquaintances of Edgar and Mary Sims are invited to honor them in the observance of a reception Dec. 21st at South Salem Friends church, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Elsie Armstrong, a student at Northwest Nazarene College, is visiting at the home of her parents during the Christmas vacation. We are glad to have her back in our church services again.

EUGENE
Wayne Piersall, pastor

Enthusiasm still looms in Eugene! A healthy spiritual growth has been evident, and attendance of local people has been steadily increasing in all services. It greatly encourages us to see definite answers to prayer.

The Lawrence Wright family from Star, Idaho, have purchased property in Springfield and are now attending our services. We appreciate the faithfulness of "Shorty" and his family.

We have enjoyed the contributions to our services of visiting friends. Sunday evening, Dec. 7, Forrest Cammack and his family from Rosedale were with us to show pictures and bring us news from the Bolivian mission field. The service was enjoyed by all. On Sunday evening, Dec. 14, Roger Smith and his wife from the South Salem meeting were with us, and Roger brought the evening message. Sunday morning, Dec. 21, Orville Kleven, a Methodist evangelist and well known to many Quakers, brought us a stirring and challenging message.

Improvements are underway in the newly acquired parsonage. Plastic tile flooring, a gift of Winifred Simmons of our local group, has been laid in the kitchen, and the church is undertaking the flooring and finishing of the upstairs.

Our Christmas program was held Dec. 21st during the SS hour. Treats were given to all present. The Christmas season brought pleasant surprise. Our pastor presented the SS with a much needed attendance register, and the church gave the pastors a lovely table lamp.

God knows our needs. We are praising Him in song. A few months ago a call was sent out for song books for our meeting. We now have 50 books which are almost as good as new. Thank you, Dorwin Smith.

SOUTH SALEM

Frank Haskins, pastor

The teachers and workers from our SS, who attended the SS workshop at Highland church were given new zeal and interest in the SS work.

Dec. 11th was "family night" with pot luck dinner at 6:30. At 7:30 "Bauderilla" film was shown by Stanley Pierce of Lebanon. It was an account of the work and persecution of Protestants in Spain.

November meeting of the WMU was held at the house of Mae Nordyke, Charles and Bertha Haworth were guest speakers. They gave a very interesting account of their trip to Cuba, and slides were shown of the schools and church groups.

Recent members received into the church were: by declaration of faith, Eddie Stark; by transfer of membership, Dean, Betty and Stephanie Macy, Mrs. Susie Feller and son Ronald.

Under the direction of Elizabeth Aebischer the young people have been practicing for several weeks preparing the play "Christmas in the Cobbler Shop," which will be given Dec. 23.

Sunday evening, Dec. 14, we were blest by the special numbers of songs, testimonies and message which were brought to us by Paul Mills and a group of students from George Fox College.

The November breakfast for the church men was enjoyed by 16 men and several visitors. Our pastor gave the devotions, and a solo was sung by Dean Macy.

During our SS hour Dec. 7th Mrs. Paul Barnett gave an interesting account of their work in Kenya, Africa.

Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting

STAR

Nathan Pierson, pastor

Greetings from the Friends of Star this Christmas season. Our Northwest Friend reporter has gone to George Fox College for the year and has been unable to bring the activities of Star to you.

The Christian Life SS contest has been in full progress in our church and we feel it was a great success. Attendance on the Sunday preceding the contest was 90. Six weeks later, the closing Sunday of the contest, the attendance was 187. This is the largest attendance in the history of the church. Every seat in the auditorium was taken and people were standing in the side aisles. Sybil Rudisil won the grand prize of a beautiful lamp for bringing the most people. Because of the increase in our SS attendance, classes had to be divided, and more class room space provided. New curtains were put up in the large room of the basement making possible four new class rooms.

A new coat of paint has been applied to the church building and parsonage giving our corner a "new look."

The "All-Star" basketball team has played two games and is undefeated this far. The games are played each Saturday night at the Nampa high school gym, and enthusiasm seems to be high among the boys. Members of the team include, Neal Pierson, Clair Smith, Paul Ralphs, Cliff Ralphs, Dean Robertson and Keith Lamn. We are looking for others to come out.

Our annual Christmas program was Sunday evening, December 21. There was a good crowd in attendance to see the pageant, "The Silver Thread." Also on the program were exercises and recitations by the SS children.

The WMU met December 4 at the home of Grace Hadley. We are having a good response in regard to the reading of missionary books.

The service committee is working hard on clothing for Korea. Several days have been spent in mending, washing and ironing the clothing. The young people helped by folding the tracts which will be put in each article sent to Korea.

WHITNEY

Richard Wiles, pastor

The all-day missionary conference on Nov. 21 was well attended by members of both Quarterly Meetings. W. P. Lee and our returned Bolivian missionaries were speakers.

Our "thermometer," posted in the church since the first of November has gone over the top. It represented the money we hoped to raise by Jan. 1st. with the "tempera-

ture" reading from \$0 to \$400. Most of the money came in during our Thanksgiving "special" on Sunday Nov. 23. Walter Lee was the speaker for the morning service which was followed by a dinner in the new basement, at which time our Thanksgiving offering was taken. This is our second Thanksgiving dinner, and it has become an annual affair.

WMU met Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. O. W. Zurcher. Mrs. Tracy Gibson, a missionary on furlough from India, was the guest speaker. She was dressed as native women in India dress, and her talk was much appreciated. The ladies appropriated money for fixing food boxes for several needy families, and sent \$5.00 to the Bolivian mission.

Friday, Nov. 28th, was the date of the CE formal banquet. Allan Olson was toastmaster and Russell Stands, of the Boise church, was a guest. The meal was served by the CE mothers.

The WMU is sponsoring some improvements in our church kitchen which include plumbing repairs, a large serving window between the kitchen and auditorium and about 20 feet of work tables with cabinets underneath. Francis Davis is doing the work.

Rev. and Mrs. Wiles left Dec. 30 for a visit with their daughter in Texas. Their other two children plan to meet them there for a family reunion on New Years.

Dec. 5th was the date of a "variety show" of our local talent. A silver offering was taken to help with our new electric organ, the purchase of which is being sponsored by the Builder's class. The program consisted of organ reveries, girls vocal trio, piano solo, vocal solo and duets, and monologues. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mills, of Portland, visited friends here during Christmas vacation while visiting her mother, Mrs. Lewis, in Nampa.

Dean Gregory was a speaker in both services Dec. 28. Marvin Sheirbon and Wayne Reynolds are both home (for good, we hope) from the navy and air force, respectively.

Phillip Rice spent Christmas vacation from Cascade College with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice.

The Christmas program was given to a well filled house on the evening of Dec. 21.

Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting

SEATTLE MEMORIAL
Milo Ross, pastor

Our SS contest closed in November, and much good was realized from it, although the attendance did not grow as we had hoped. The interest in the surrounding community has increased and continues to improve. The Bible memory work given on the final Sunday was most gratifying.

The evening of Nov. 4th was a big day for the WMU as they had a miscellaneous sale and ham dinner at the church. It was counted a success, as they added \$120 to the parsonage building fund.

Sunday, Nov. 23, was the day planned by our finance committee as Building Fund day. The morning offering was designated solely for that purpose. The last report showed about \$250 received.

A deputation team from George Fox College was with us the week-end of Nov. 21-22-23, and brought music and messages each evening and Sunday morning. This was our first series of evening meetings, and we were happy with the results.

Dec. 5, Friday evening, the WMU held their December meeting in the church inviting all the meeting to be guests. Elsie Seese and Ella Niswonger were hostesses for the potluck dinner at 6:30. The Christmas theme was used throughout the evening. The program at 7:30 was unusually fine. Lois White Jones sang two lovely old carols, and Milo Ross gave devotions on the genealogy of Christ as fulfillment of God's plan throughout the history of the Hebrew people. Mrs. Kenneth Klepser, an outstanding dramatic interpreter of Seattle gave a beautiful reading of Christ's birth and life entitled, "In the Solemn Midnight."

Paul and Elsie Seese and small daughter (Helen Fay), and Verna Rice have gone to California to spend the holiday season with relatives there.

The Christmas SS program given Sunday morning, Dec. 21, was most effective, and the attendance was 93, with many of the parents of the community present. In the evening the CE gave the pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang" directed by Jo Hendricks, with a cast of 23. It was reported

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by those in the audience as beautifully done.

Herbert York was able to attend the Christmas program on Sunday since his serious illness. It was a happy occasion for all his friends. Lowell Hurd is back from George Fox College for the holidays, and we are glad to have him with us again. It was a pleasant surprise to see Helen Ross among those present at the pageant on Sunday evening.

AGNEW

Harold Ankeny, pastor

Greetings once again! We have been very busy up here, as has everybody at this time of the year.

On Nov. 30 we had several visitors in our services, Morris and Maxine Ankeny and boys from Greenleaf, and Harlow and Gertrude Ankeny and son from Newberg, and Mrs. Roy Ankeny from Salem, were all visiting at the home of our pastors over Thanksgiving.

We averaged 52 in SS in November, and 31 in the evening service. One high school boy gave his heart to Christ, and one young girl received victory in her Christian walk. This was a wonderful service, and we thank God for it.

Most of December was concerned with preparing for the Christmas program. Mrs. Irene Galloway was in charge of the carrying out of the program.

On Dec. 15 several of our number attended the holiness rally at Hadlock Methodist church near Port Townsend. In the evening we enjoyed a musical concert presented by two ladies. Miss Margaret Kellogg and Miss Betty Rosterick.

Our "Youth Sings" nights have been used mainly for program practice.

Mrs. Bessie Snell, formerly of Boise Friends, is recovering from a broken leg, but recently has had the flu and is very weak. Ronnie Rand, son of Arthur and Elsie Rand, had his eye injured, and there was some fear that he might lose it, but we thank God that at this writing he can see with it. Little Deedee Clay is sick with the flu now, and others have had days of sickness also.

On Dec. 21st we had our Christmas program. Ninety-nine were present. Many said that it was perhaps the finest program they had seen. We thank God for this, because it was Christ whom we were praising, and the old-fashioned gospel was presented in word and song and action. The children worked real hard, as did others who helped with decorating and treats.

We are looking forward to our New Year's watchnight party which we will begin our prayer meeting at 9:30, and then stay till after the New Year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year serving Christ in this place. It is a very needy field, and we thank God for the opportunity we have of serving Him in this way. Continue to pray for us as we work and increase our building fund for the proposed remodeling in May. Thank you one and all for the contributions you have sent. May we extend to you our wish that you and your church may experience many victories through the coming year.

NORTHEAST TACOMA

Robert Morrill, pastor

The message for our Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 a. m. was brought by Rev. Joseph Johnson, of Gold Beach, Oregon, who is a retired Presbyterian minister and the father of a member of our community.

The WMU met Thursday, Dec. 11, in the church basement. This was our Christmas meeting, so things were brought for our outport family, a gift exchange, and a shower of gifts for Lela Morrill, our pastor's wife. During devotions, led by Gladys Knutson, Pauline Howe gave her testimony telling what Christmas meant to her. It was reported that approximately \$80 profit had been brought in on our Christmas greeting card sale so far this year.

The membership roundup between the "Bar Nothings" and the "Circle M's" is over, and the "Bar Nothings" won by about 250 points. As a reward for winning the contest the "Circle M's" entertained the "Bar Nothings" on Friday evening, Dec. 12, with the showing of the film, "No Greater Power," the story of Zacchaeus, and a travel film, "Springtime in Holland." Refreshments were served to close the evening.

Our kitchen in the church has undergone quite a change of late. The cabinet building has actually begun and is nearing completion, thanks to Mr. Shelton a willing helper of the community. Plans are being made for the flooring and all other finishing touches.

Nineteen members of the SS so far have kept up to date in their Bible reading during a special time designated between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are reading the Gospel of John, the book of Philippians, the second chapter of Luke, and also the second chapter of Matthew.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, Mr. Morrill brought the morning message on "What Time is it by God's Clock."

Our Christmas program is set for Sunday evening, Dec. 21, and will be somewhat original in form this year, comparing Christmas time in Bolivia to that which Christians in America have. It will be short but we believe it to be impressive.

SPOKANE

A. Clark Smith, pastor

Nov. 30th was another red letter day in the progress of the work in Spokane. Following the morning worship service that day the congregation drove to the sight of the new church building and ground breaking exercises were held. William Thomas, as clerk of the meeting and also as chairman of the building committee, turned the first shovel of dirt. Prayer was offered by the pastor and the entire group voiced their united praise in the singing of the doxology.

Dean Gregory, Yearly Meeting general superintendent, met with the building committee during his recent trip to this area, and advised with them regarding the future building plans. The plans for the building were studied and approved with minor alterations for him to take back to the architect. This meeting was of real benefit to the committee, and his advice was gladly accepted because of its definite value.

The WMU held its Christmas meeting and program at the church Dec. 12th, with Velma Perry and Katherine Banning as hostesses. The program centered around Christmas customs in other lands, with various ones telling about each country. The devotions also centered around the same theme in contrasting the benefits women of Christian lands enjoy that their sisters in heathen lands do not know. Special music by Charlotte Mills and the girls trio composed of Mardella Cogswell, Marilee and Betty Curryer was enjoyed by those present. Special guest of the evening was Mrs. Albert Chapman, mother of Ralph Chapman. She brought interesting excerpts out of the letters from Ralph and Marie telling of Christmas in Bolivia, and also recent news. Mrs. Chapman's talk was very interesting to the 21 present. It is hoped she can meet with the union often.

MCKINLEY AVENUE

William Murphy, pastor

The gospel team's November meeting at the mission was preceded by passing out of tracts down town. Jim Liedke brought the message. Marion Perry and Judy Murphy sang a duet, and Naomi Martin a solo. They intend to continue distribution of tracts before their meetings. The evening of Nov. 28 the young folks were responsible for the service. Velda Leach, of Northeast Tacoma, was the speaker and brought a very good message, and there were several special songs. We are happy that our young people take this monthly responsibility.

Our SS program will be Tuesday, Dec. 23. We are presenting a cantata, "The Lost Carol." We have worked very hard with our preparation for it.

We are having another contest in SS which is retarded somewhat by sickness.

Our pastor has been ill, and we are thankful that he can be with us again. Dennis and Jack Martin have been in bed for some time and have been missed from the beginners class. Hurry back, boys!

Congratulations to Mrs. Jennie King for 45 years of SS attendance.

We had a successful clothes drive for Korea. We packed 235 lbs. of clothing.

The men of the church have been busy redecorating the upstairs of the parsonage, and are doing a fine work.

The WMU had an all-day meeting at the home of Florence Simpson. Myrtle Byrd was co-hostess. The morning was spent in the business of the WMU. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all in the exchange of gifts and the singing of Christmas carols. A playlet was given by Clara Peterson, Gertrude Perry, Ethel Liedke and Mona Warner. Leona Murphy read a Christmas story. The afternoon closed with recordings of carols, and prayer.

HOLLY PARK

Howard Harmon, pastor

We are very thankful for the spiritual progress made in the church during our recent four-day revival with Christie Bundy as evangelist. Several new people were saved and many others took new spiritual steps. We are praying that this growth may continue.

Our SS contest closed last Sunday with Marcia Hadlock, Camelia Harmon and Bruce O'Brien winners. The prizes were a Bible, a camera, and a View-Master. Our attendance showed a large gain with the last four Sundays, taking our thermometer to the 90, 94, 98 and 106 levels. The attendance at the beginning of the contest was in the sixties. A party is planned for the 19th of December when the prizes will be awarded.

The high school CE sponsored a hobo party for the Quarterly Meeting CE's. Everyone dressed their worst and had a good time acting natural.

The Friends Brotherhood had a buck deer stew-dinner at the church Dec. 9th. The stew was donated by the Gaddermans and enjoyed by all. Music was furnished by Ernie Stephens and Bill Campbell; Dick Hendricks was the speaker of the evening.

The Mothers' Club held a party at the Lee house on Dec. 12. The husbands were invited, and a good time was had by everyone.

The last Sunday of each month is given to the young people's CE for the evening service. These have been a time of real inspiration. The last service was on the order of the old-time Quaker meetings. Those participating did so whenever they felt that their part would fit in. Olive Horrell, Doris Campbell and Shirley Weaver were the speakers. Evan Jones led the singing, with Lois Jones at the piano. Special music was furnished by Bill Campbell, Evan and Lois Jones, and Wesley Murphy. Bethlin Harmon gave a chalk talk.

At our SS teachers and officers meeting, Lois Jones was unanimously selected as assistant superintendent to Willis Fritschle.

We are glad to have Mary Bowden home with us again. She has been attending school at George Fox College.

Rod Delgardno will be leaving for army duty following Christmas. We will miss him, but we pray he will be a testimony to others wherever he goes.

We now have a church choir under the leadership of Lois Jones. The first few practices have been very encouraging, as there is much musical talent to draw from.

A fireside service was held in the parsonage for our Thanksgiving prayer meeting. As testimonies were given, each person put a piece of wood on the fire, symbolizing the unity of the church. The fire burned brightly as we joined forces together to go out and win men for Christ.

EVERETT

John Frazier, pastor

It seemed good to have our pastor back in church Dec. 7 after being absent from services for the previous 6 weeks. Our pastor, John Frazier, is feeling fine, but will be unable to do manual labor for some time. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for restoring him to health. His message for the morning was "Partnership with God."

During the month of November the pulpit was filled by laymen, missionaries and ministers.

November 2nd our own outgoing missionaries, Mark and Wilma Roberts, blessed our meeting with sketches of their call and experiences.

The evening of Nov. 9th our CE had charge of the service. Gerald Pierce arranged for the music and Jack Tesburg gave his first message, and the girls formed the choir. The congregation thought they did very well.

A group of men from the Puget Sound Brotherhood took the service Nov. 16th, and Dick Hendricks gave a timely message on "Loyalty to Our Own Church." Phil Harmon, Quarterly Meeting CE superintendent, presided at the evening service and gave worthwhile information regarding Wauna Mer conference.

The third annual "Homecoming Day" was observed Nov. 23rd with Irma Davis as general chairman. There was a good attendance, and a number of greetings and telegrams were received by former members and friends. A fellowship dinner followed the morning service. Rev. Clark Smith from Spokane gave the "Homecoming" message. His presence and messages were greatly appreciated.

We felt privileged to have our beloved missionary,

Christie Bundy, preach at both of our services, Nov. 30th.

The WMU was busy earning money for their church project by way of a fancy work and cake sale and also a rummage sale during the month of November. The financial results are gratifying.

At a recent meeting of the WMU the women were happy to contribute \$100.00 toward the parsonage fund.

The CE girls followed in the steps of the adult women and put on a cake sale under the guidance of Doris Tesburg. They cleared \$25.00 to be used to build up their Wauna Mer conference fund.

The missionary committee of the church, Marcella Burris, chairman, sent off 2 boxes of foodstuffs to our missionaries in India, the Ernest Fritschle family. The SS sent 3 Christmas boxes to Clinton Tyner, Roger Kellogg and Wayne Kines—the latter two being in the armed service of our country.

A challenge to total abstinence was presented by Floyd Carrier, executive secretary of the Washington Temperance Association on Dec. 14th. This was particularly instructive to our young people.

On Christmas Sunday a beautiful Christmas cantata, "While Shepherds Watched," was rendered by the choir under the leadership of the choir director, Irma Davis. The pastor read the various scriptures.

The birth of Christ was told by flannelgram at the WMU Christmas party which was held in the fireplace room. An exchange of inexpensive gifts was made and an offering given for the Christmas box to be sent to our outpost.

The Fellowship SS class also enjoyed a Christmas party, with Alma Kines and Lenna Sands, co-hostesses. A short program and devotions were given, and then the class surprised the minister and wife with a shower of Christmas cards with dollar bills inclosed. It will be of interest to note that under the sponsorship and handwork of the various members of this class and teacher, Alma Kines, that the "Memorial Fireplace Room" was completed and sacredly dedicated last month with Dean Gregory as speaker.

The SS with Ida Harvey, superintendent, presented their Christmas program Dec. 22nd in songs, recitations and playlet. Dorothy Roberts is the program chairman and Mrs. Gustafson arranged for treats to make all the children happy. Mrs. Tyner's SS class is planning on going carolling after the SS program.

Greenleaf Quarterly Meeting

GREENLEAF

Oscar Brown, pastor

Mrs. Carroll Rhoads spent a week visiting in Seattle with her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Russell, and a sister.

The community was saddened by the sudden illness and death of one of our members, Harold Roberts. He was the son of Mrs. Cloyd Smith.

The Greenleaf WMU met Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Winslow in an all-day meeting of work for our missionaries. Quilt blocks were cut, bandages torn and old Christmas cards mounted. Following the afternoon business session, Evelyn Harriman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mardock, and recently returned NHMS missionary from Bolivia, spoke very interestingly on some of her experiences. We are very glad to have the Harrimans home with us again.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 14, Harold and Evelyn Harriman spoke in our worship service.

On Dec. 9, Gordon McLean, talented young Youth for Christ speaker, and Joey Brockeneck attended GFA chapel service. Gordon gave a very challenging message for young people to be wholly consecrated. Joey, who is Polish, gave his testimony, and played his electric and Hawaiian guitars, banjo and accordion which was very much enjoyed by the academy students.

Our SS grows (or multiplies) by dividing. A new class was formed recently with Dorwin Smith and Gwendolyn Winters as the teachers. This new class joined with the Home Makers class in an evening social time Dec. 12 at the country home of Cecil and Lois Binford.

We are glad to welcome all our college students home for the holidays and will miss all our academy students who leave us to go home.

The picture, "Consecrated Men," was shown at the prayer meeting hour Wednesday night Dec. 17. We each felt we wanted to consecrate ourselves anew after seeing this good film.

Rev. D. D. Randall, American SS missionary, spoke at prayer meeting Dec. 10. He brought a very timely message on "Having faith in God."

ONTARIO HEIGHTS Cora Gregory, pastor

We enjoyed the ministry of Marlin Witt in meetings the first of November.

Dean Gregory and family spent the Thanksgiving season with his mother, Cora Gregory.

We were glad to have Glennetta Randall home from George Fox College for Thanksgiving.

Paul and Phyllis Cammack were with us Sunday evening, Nov. 30. A good crowd came out to see their pictures.

Cora Gregory entertained the ministers of Boise and Greenleaf quarters, Nov. 24. Dean Gregory was present and spoke to the group.

Dean Gregory spoke at the prayer meeting hour, Nov. 26. Lela Hull Ramick visited her brothers, Kenneth and Hubert Hull, several days at Thanksgiving time.

BAKER Paul Puckett, pastor

We are enjoying a beautiful winter here in Baker, Oregon. So you see it isn't the coldest place in the world. After all Baker is a town of about 10,000, lying in a large valley between two magnificent mountain ranges—the Elkhorn and the Willowa. Many small ranches are situated in the valley and a few large ones. The main work is in mills and the woods.

We have been seeing the Lord work among the people here. Interest continues to grow, and more are coming to the services. We had a record attendance (since Sept. 1st), of 22 for SS.

Our lots will soon be paid for, and then we hope to start a new project—the building fund.

We were privileged Sunday, Nov. 30th, of having two young people from George Fox College with us in the services—Margaret Shattuck and Naomi Lemmons. Naomi gave a very vital object lesson for closing exercises of SS and Margaret drew a chalk picture.

The Friends church joined with several other churches in town for a Thanksgiving service Wednesday night the 26th of Nov.

The first Christmas choral festival of Baker was held this year with nine churches cooperating. This service, the afternoon of Dec. 14th, was enjoyed by a large group of around a thousand people.

Continue to pray for Baker that we might win the hearts of the people in this very needy place.

HOMEDALE Clare Willcuts, pastor

Several of our men attended the Brotherhood meeting at the Riverside church on the evening of Nov. 24. They saw the film "Dedicated Men."

The annual union Thanksgiving service was well attended at our church this year. Rev. Lusher, of the Assembly of God, brought the message. Rev. Obert, Christian church pastor, offered prayer. Marilyn Barnes, home from George Fox College, sang a special number, the "Thanksgiving Song."

Also home for Thanksgiving were Avadna Peterson, Oregon State student; Mardee Henderson, student at Cascade College; Ralph Beebe, George Fox College.

Three carloads of ladies from our church were able to attend the missionary conference Friday, Nov. 28. Several also attended Saturday evening and Sunday.

Our general superintendent, Dean Gregory, brought the message Sunday morning, Nov. 30. Mark Roberts was also in attendance and sang "The Ninety and Nine" after his testimony. Walter Lee showed some slides from the mission field in the evening service.

Jack Willcuts was a welcome visitor at our prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, Nov. 26.

The regular meeting of the WMU was held at the Nellie Murphy home. There were 13 members and one guest present. We were happy to have a former member, Ruth Beeson, in attendance.

It was nice to have a good representation of the Homedale Kiwanis Club in attendance Sunday morning, Dec. 14. Al-

vin Morrison, one of the visitors, played a beautiful solo on the cello. This Sunday being Universal Bible Sunday we had a good display of Bibles.

Our pastor has been bringing very good messages on "Divine Assurance" these last few Sundays. In an effort to answer the question "How may I know I am saved?" they have been divided as follows: "Divine Hope," "Divine Love," "Divine Assurance," "Divine Directions," and "Divine Possession." His evening messages have also been very interesting as we attempt to study the Bible in chronological order.

The annual Christmas party for the beginners and cradle roll departments and their mothers was held at the church basement Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13. A program directed by Jean Morgan was given enacting the nativity scene by the 4 and 5 year old children. Ice cream and cookies were served and candy candles were used as place cards.

WHO CARRIES ON SATAN'S BUSINESS?

Men don't believe in a devil now, as their fathers used to do;

They've forced the door of the broadest creed to let his majesty through.

There isn't a print of his cloven foot or a fiery dart from his bow

To be found on earth or in air to-day, for the world has voted so.

But who is it mixing the fatal draught that palsies heart and brain,

And loads the bier of each passing year with ten hundred thousand slain?

Who blights the bloom of the land to-day with the fiery breath of hell,

If the devil isn't and never was; won't somebody rise and tell?

Who dogs the steps of the toiling saint and digs the pit for his feet?

Who sows the tares in the field of time wherever God sows His wheat?

The devil is voted not to be, and, of course, the thing is true;

But who is doing the kind of work the devil alone should do?

We are told that he doesn't go about as a roaring lion now;

But whom shall we hold responsible for the everlasting row

To be heard in church, in home, and state, to earth's remotest bounds,

If the devil by a unanimous vote is nowhere to be found?

Won't somebody step to the front forthwith, and make his bow, and show

How the frauds and crimes of a single day spring up? We want to know.

The devil was fairly voted out, and, of course, the devil's gone;

But simple people would like to know who carries his business on!

—Alfred J. Hough