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QUAKERS AND BAPTISM

EDITORIAL

This is the third and last in a series of editorials on why Quakers disuse the rite of water baptism.

IN OUR editorial two issues back we pointed out that, contrary to the impression of many people, water baptism is not actually taught anywhere in the four Gospels. We observed that Jesus never told any of His converts to be baptized, and there is no proof that He ever told His disciples to baptize their converts with water.

We wish here to point out an additional fact which is often overlooked. The epistles of the New Testament (and there are twenty-one of them)—that body of Christian instruction which was divinely given to guide the church in its belief and practice—likewise nowhere instructs the church to baptize its converts. In fact the word "baptize" appears only once, where Paul says, "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 1:17). The word "baptism" appears only five times, and not once is it used in connection with any instruction to the church to baptize.

It is obvious then that those who insist on water baptism are shut up to the Book of Acts for proof. They often quote the words of Peter on the Day of Pentecost, "Repent and be baptized every one of you" (Acts 2:38). They also point to Philip and the eunuch, where it says, "They went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him" (Acts 8:38). They likewise remind us that Peter before the house of Cornelius said, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized?" (Acts 10:47). These are the principal references pointed out as proof that the church should baptize its converts today. But when examined in the light of other Scripture they are seen to be insufficient grounds for perpetuating this rite.

These "proof" texts are all quoted from "The Acts of the Apostles." This book itself was inspired by God, as was every other book in the Bible. But that does not mean that every act of the apostles, which is recorded therein, was also inspired by God. For example, it is very doubtful if the disciples' method of choosing a successor to Judas Iscariot, as recorded in Acts 1:23-26, was inspired by God or even had His approval. The disciples did many things which might be called in question. In Galatians 2:11 Paul says, "When Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." Evidently Paul didn't consider that everything that Peter said or did was right, or was under divine inspiration. The Bible is very faithful in recording the acts of men whether they were right or wrong. The fact that Peter, who had been with John the Baptist in his ministry, and was steeped in rites and ceremonies, stood up on the Day of Pentecost and said, "Be baptized every one of you," does not make it right; nor does the fact that he said what he did at the house of Cornelius make that right either. We accept everything that Peter

wrote as inspired by God, but we do not accept everything Peter said and did, unless it squares with the rest of the Bible. Therefore we cannot accept those references so often quoted as proof that God intended that the church should continue the rite of baptism.

The Book of Acts may be divided into two parts. The first part records the activities and ministry of those who were educated and steeped in Jewish rites and ceremonies. It took the power of God to break them away from the hold these things had upon them. Some never did break away, and others only in part. Read Acts 10:1-28 and 11:1-3, and see the difficulty God had with Peter and the others.

The second part of the Book of Acts begins roughly with the 9th chapter. The disciples in the 1st chapter chose Matthias to succeed Judas Iscariot by drawing lots. But in the 9th chapter God chose instead Saul of Tarsus. He too had been brought up in the law, was a "Pharisee of the Pharisees," but when he was converted to the Christian faith he was the very first to throw off the bondage of that law, and he excelled all of the others in his views of the spirituality of the gospel dispensation. In a commentary which we have, the author (not a Quaker) says: "Paul perceived that the ceremonial law was no longer binding, and his perception of this fact enabled him to preach Christianity as a universal religion. The twelve already held this view in principle, but to Saul belongs the credit of acting upon it

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Formalism and Church Worship

By Olav Eikland

THE service began with a song in which the whole congregation took part with fervor. The pastor was leading, but it was evident that a greater Presence was directing. Without anyone being called by name, several brethren and sisters arose, one after another, to invoke God's blessing upon the meeting.

Glancing around, one could see the faces of the worshipers alight with reverent expectancy. Gladly the pastor gave his people opportunity to speak. As mouths were opened in joyful testimony, heart-doors also were opened wide for the entry of God's message. From the choir a volume of praise came from heaven-tuned heartstrings.

Then the pastor stepped into the pulpit, and one sensed immediately the Presence of God. A sheen of reverence adorned his face, and his quiet voice carried the ring of authority which made young and old listen with rapt attention. A moving appeal to mind, conscience and will, reaching them through the silently interceding Christians in the audience, gripped the sinners present, causing some of them to go forward to the mourner's bench after the sermon.

Fifty years ago this was not uncommon in many evangelical churches throughout our land, and other Protestant lands in the western world. But let us take a long step into 1956 and see what changes a half century has brought.

While the organ is playing the prelude the garbed choir takes its place on the platform. A song is announced by the pastor, the congregation standing while being led by the minister in the invocation.

In the hands of the worshipers is a program, prepared by the pastor and his secretary during the previous week. To vary the prescribed order of service written thereon would be unthinkable. Some members would be greatly annoyed by an unscheduled deviation from the normal.

Meanwhile, the clock in front of the pastor (conspicuous on the gallery wall) keeps beating a rhythmic tick as the minister divides the hour of service into prayers and congregational singing, sermon and benediction. (A sermon that reaches to the other side of noon is considered an unforgivable trespass into the sacred Sunday afternoon—particularly when a hot dinner is being kept waiting.)

Nothing is wrong with the sermon, of course. It has all the ingredients of a good, fundamental message. Its doctrine is pure. Illustrations are appropriate. The sermon delivery could pass a homiletics professor without criticism. Fervor of delivery might even be greater than in former years.

Then, after the service, the minister—who from the platform has prayed all the prayers and offered all the thanks to God for His mercy during

the past week—dutifully awaits the congregation at the door to shake hands and hear the many thank you's. Possibly since the church members themselves have been deprived of audibly saying "thank you" to God (except in the doxology), they feel they must convey their sense of gratitude to the one who is God's representative.

The service first described is the type of worship which was common fifty years ago. The second is typical of the kind of worship service which is becoming increasingly prevalent.

While there are exceptions, no doubt, I am convinced that in the majority of the worship services in our evangelical churches the glorious liberty of the sons of God is being curtailed by a ritualism which is dead or dying. Spiritual liberty and beauty are being sacrificed for a ceremonial dignity which places a muzzle on the worshiper in the pew. And the apostolic admonition to certain women to "keep silence in the church" is being extended to both sexes.

On the pastor falls the duty and prerogative of conducting the services, giving the exhortations, offering all the prayers, and giving all the messages. He now finds himself in the predicament (perhaps unconsciously) of coping with the same problem a factory manager or foreman faces who is trying to keep the machinery running while his employees are on a sit-down strike.

But the work of God in a worship service does not consist in the ushering of church-goers to their pews, the passing of the collection plate, and the singing of a few congregational hymns. The real and lasting part of the service is the active co-operation of the congregation with the Spirit as He moves upon the audience, touching the inner chords of hearts, breaking down opposition, awakening from spiritual insomnia, melting icicles of worldly indifference from mind and soul, and opening deaf ears and blind eyes so that they may see "wonderful things in thy law."

When we look for the causes of such drastic changes of church worship during only half a century it seems to me that we find one main cause from which all the other causes are derived: the church of Christ is drifting away from God. So far have we come that the Holy Spirit is no longer manifestly present and in charge.

The ordinary churchgoer, minister often included, lacks real, immediate contact with God. The "thus saith the Lord" does not have the ring of certainty in the pulpit or in the congregation that it had fifty years ago. Then, when a new convert spoke to another about what brought him to the experience of salvation, he would invariably be asked: "And what word from the Lord brought you release from your sins and trust in Christ for salvation?" Always a Bible verse would be the answer, or a promise directly from His blessed Word.

Today, what is retained in the memory of con-

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verts is a story of an evangelist, or a hand-raised in acceptance of Christ, or the act of having come forward. Entrance into the Christian life seems often to have been brought about by human and external acts.

Fifty years ago, the preacher in the pulpit was aware of God's presence to such an extent that he would not only ask His help as he went into the pulpit; he would open wide the double doors to his heart and mind and ask God to step in and take charge. A minister who entered the sacred precinct was generally a God-possessed messenger, a self-effaced servant of Christ. With God-given authority his word had power, electrifying the audience, bringing it to the point of unified attention and reverence so necessary in divine worship, in order that it might become pliable material for the building of a spiritual edifice.

Something else was observable a half century ago; namely, the paradoxical presence of both authority and tender love in the minister's personality and voice—the former breaking down the stone walls of apathy and opposition, the latter melting down the partition of chilly reserve between members of the congregation.

Too many preachers today are poor in the resources needed to keep the attention of their hearers. Some, indeed, can hold the audiences through wit and eloquence, but when all is done one feels that man, not God, has been the instrument to bring this unified attention.

If the preacher fails to bring his whole audience to listen to his message with rapt attention, he is all too likely to turn his attention from building a superstructure reaching toward heaven to fostering a fellowship in which social interests predominate. Such a social-religious fellowship is not characterized by the fruit of God's Spirit but by human sentiment, the natural growth of a worldly fraternity.

Moreover, when a minister fails to cultivate spiritual gifts in articulate church worship, he closes the doors for their effective use in personal soul-winning effort. And in failing to encourage his flock to actively participate in the services he is, in effect, presiding over the burial of their spiritual gifts.

For, having neglected the use of God's gifts, many of the members are filled with stage fright at being asked to lead in prayer, or give a greeting of testimony. In the home they lack the courage or desire to establish family worship. And they are likely to let the world take over the training of their children, or let the children run the home.

It is only logical that when spiritual gifts are buried in a church other gifts will be bound to supplant them. We have, therefore, the sorry spectacle of self-cultivation usurping the place of natural gifts.

Never before in church history has there been so many well-trained singers as there are today in our evangelical churches. But the artistic spirit has supplanted the Holy Spirit in many places. In the vibrant note of many a solo singer of today you hear not the heart expression of a humble soul saved by grace but the proud emergence of an artist displaying vocal skill.

Let no one assume that I am urging unlimited informality in worship or implying that worship is the companion of unrestraint. For example, there are groups today which seem to believe that loud speaking and fast singing are evidences of spirituality. Far from it! These may rather be indications of having contacted the contagious fever of emotionalism that has invaded the world of our time, so that even Christ's own church may be dangerously predisposed to nervous ailments.

Frequent exclamations of "Hallelujah!" and "Praise the Lord!" may not be so much a sign of sanctity as the earmarks of another type of ceremonial liturgy. The only difference between this liturgy and those of other older churches may be that the modern forms are more monotonous.

And many phrases one hears expressed in testimonies are like coins which have circulated so long that the image is worn off. They have become meaningless clichés. They no longer reflect the image of Christ, nor do they reverberate the voice of His Spirit.

Can a sophisticated, formal church such as we see so predominant today find a way back to "the old paths" (Jer. 7:16)? Yes—if we are willing to follow the apostolic example and precepts. The way to the upper room of Pentecost first goes down through the valley of the Gethsemane of self-surrender, then up to the Calvary of self-crucifixion. From there the path leads to the tomb where not only individual sins but a sinful life is buried, until one can at last say with Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ liveth in me. . . ."

This is the way, but do we have the strength to take it? The road to clear-cut reality in the Christian life is filled with worldly obstacles. Often only the explosive violence of persecution can remove them. It is in the Russians, the Koreans and the Colombians of the world today, where opposition is keen and bitter, that we find true liberty of the Spirit of worship. In such places Calvary is not only a memorial event but an experiential reality.

Will we see our need and seek the presence of God with all our hearts? Or must we, too, face the fires of persecution before we rouse from formalism's deadly lethargy?

GREENLEAF ACADEMY

"Send a great revival in my soul," was the theme song for the combined church and school revival held December 5-16th by personal workers, Ernest and Temple Lee. There was truly a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit and new light was given each day.

In the evening Mrs. Lee told stories to the children and then Mr. and Mrs. Lee took turns bringing the message in the evening service.

In the afternoon the Lees and Oscar Brown called on unchurched families of the communities.

Several of the students took new ground for the Lord and several testified to their deeper growth with the Lord since last year's revival.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PLEDGE?

Many of you will recall that on Yearly Meeting Sunday last August, the Board of Evangelism presented three needy fields—Ashland, Maplewood, Tigard. The cash offering came to \$403.46, with pledges to be paid by June 1, 1957, amounting to \$2,613.50, making a grand total of \$3,016.96.

We are glad to report that the pastors of the Maplewood meeting are now living in a parsonage purchased since Yearly Meeting time. Suitable property has also been acquired at Ashland for a future church home. Within recent weeks regular services have begun at Tigard in a school house. It is likely that very soon it will be necessary to buy property for this new congregation.

The board is grateful for your very generous response at Yearly Meeting time and for the pledges that have already been paid. This is a New Year reminder that the Board of Evangelism needs the money that was pledged, and will be happy to receive gifts from any who were not in attendance at that service. Send money to Roger Minthorne, treasurer, 3908 NE Maywood Place, Portland 20, Oregon. Please earmark your remittance as pledged at Yearly Meeting.

—Clare Willcuts, president.

HUNGARIAN REFUGEES HELPED

During the Sunday school Christmas program at the Spokane First Friends church, a special offering was taken by Mr. Luther Essick who is directing Spokane donations to the Baptisten Geneinde refugee relief center in Vienna, Austria, a Baptist church that has assumed the care of Hungarian refugees. Most of Austria is Catholic, but refugees who are either Protestant or non-denominational are directed to a Protestant church for aid. Most of the refugees at this particular center are already church members.



REFUGEES FED BY SPOKANE FRIENDS CHURCH

Mr. Essick became acquainted with the church itself through Miss Ursula Koster, whom he met while working under Youth for Christ in Europe. Ursula's father has for many years been a minister who has done most of his evangelical work in personal contacts and tent meetings, since Europe is generally adverse to large gatherings.

250 HAPPY CHRISTIANS

Last month there appeared in the Northwest Friend an appeal entitled, "250 Churchless Christians," from the Bolivian field for \$600 to complete the buildings for six new unfinished churches. Friends will be interested to know that the sum asked for has already been received for this need and has been placed at the disposal of the Bolivian National Church and mission staff.

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

On December 23rd the home of Richard and Mildred Marie Powell was the scene for an open house, honoring their grandmother, Ella Hadley, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. During the afternoon 93 friends and relatives called to offer their congratulations and best wishes to the guest of honor. Members of the Lydian Bible class of First Friends were especially well represented, and presented Mrs. Hadley with a beautiful blanket as a token of their friendship.

Virginia Helm and Louise Gillen ably presided over the refreshment table which was attractively decorated with yellow mums and Christmas greenery. Thelma Mulkey assisted in the kitchen. Hostesses for the occasion were the guest of honor's two daughters, Mildred Brown and Gladys Cook, and her granddaughter, Mildred Marie Powell. Ella Hadley has been a member of First Friends for 48 years.

QUAKERS LEADERS MEET

Quaker leaders met at Quaker Hill December 4-6 for the annual conference of Yearly Meeting superintendents and secretaries. Among those present were Orval H. Cox of Iowa, serving as chairman; Marlin Dawson of Baltimore, serving as secretary; Gladys Seaman of New York, Walter Williams of Damascus, Ohio; Glenn Reece of Western Yearly Meeting in Indiana; and Milton Hadley of New England. John Compton of Indiana Yearly Meeting was named chairman for the 1957 conference, which is scheduled for the first week in December again at Quaker Hill. Seth Hinshaw of North Carolina was named vice-chairman and Richmond P. Miller, of Philadelphia, was appointed the new secretary.

A statement from the conference was sent to

the National Council of Churches Broadcasting and Film Commission urging that the National Council's recent statement on religious broadcasting be re-examined, since it seemed to have discriminatory results. One Quaker program, that broadcast by Oregon Yearly Meeting, "The Quaker Hour," has been forced off KEX, Portland, since the National Council's policy statement was issued.

HOLLY PARK WAITING FOR OK

Holly Park has submitted its new church plans to the Seattle city building department and is now waiting for an ok before proceeding with construction. The building department has been unusually busy, but it is expected that the permit will be issued within a week or ten days, so that construction can start by the middle of January.

TIGARD MOVING AHEAD

Arthur O. Roberts and Steve Ross, pastors

After three months of evening meetings only, in the small auditorium provided for us through the courtesy of Mr. J. O. Johnson, Tigard attorney, the Friends church, serving the Tigard area, is holding Sunday school and morning worship in the Durham grade school, Durham road. We began December 9. Guests on this first Sunday included Dean Gregory, Yearly Meeting superintendent, and Ward Haines, Quarterly Meeting superintendent. There has been a very cordial response to our calling and publicity. Assisting in canvassing were the following: James Bishop, Dianne Payne, and Beverly Pilcher. Elizabeth Bishop is our treasurer; Nora Potter is our pianist; Steve Ross is Sunday school superintendent. We appreciate very much the hearty cooperation of so many folk who are helping to make the work go forward, and for the prayers and interest of our duly appointed mother-church, Newberg.

Four of our young folk attended the Christian Endeavor mid-winter convention—Carolyn, Richard, Jonathan and David Bishop, and David Fairbanks. Sunday school attendance January 6, was 24.

We are looking at various possible building sites, trusting that we may make such a purchase soon. We welcome your prayers on our behalf.

BIRTHS

HATHAWAY.—To Herbert and Virginia Hathaway, Vancouver, Wash., a son, Bruce Lyle, born December 9.

LIVINGSTONE.—To Jerry and Corrine (Emry) Livingstone, a daughter, Connie Kay.

HANSEN.—To Jack and Florence Hansen, Salem, Oregon, a daughter, Debra Louise, born November 28.

MARRIAGES

PIERSON-HAMPTON.—Niel Pierson and Karen Hampton were married in the Hayden Lake church,

November 21.

WILLCUTS-FANKHAUSER.—LaDonna Fankhauser and Arnold Willcuts were united in marriage at Newberg Friends church, Saturday evening, December 1, with John Fankhauser and Clare Willcuts officiating.

PETERSON-PHILLIPS.—Darrell Peterson and Donna Phillips were married in the Caldwell Friends church, December 9, with Richard Cossel officiating.

EHRSTROM-PAXTON.—Elvin Ehrstrom and Ruth Marie Paxton were married at the church on December 15th. Alvin is the son of Hugh and Zenia Ehrstrom.

BARKER-HANSEN.—Dean Barker and Darlene Hanson, Boise, Idaho, were united in marriage at the Friends church in Boise on December 27, with Waldo Hicks officiating.

BIDONDO-WASHBURN.—Barbara Washburn and Jean Bidondo were married November 14 and are now making their home in Meridian, Idaho.

DEATHS

HARRIS.—Funeral services for Mrs. Seburn Harris, Greenleaf, Idaho, were held November 26, she having passed to her reward November 24.

HOSKINS.—Elsie Hoskins, 79, passed away at Newberg, November 30. Funeral services were conducted on December 3 by Charles Beals. She was born at Pleasant Plain, Iowa, and came to Newberg 20 years ago from Central City, Nebr. She was a loyal and faithful member of the Newberg Friends church and the WCTU.

REMPEL.—David L. Rempel, 66, passed away at Newberg, December 14. Funeral services were conducted by Charles Beals on December 16. He had been a farmer at Dutton, Mont. before coming to Newberg three years ago. He is survived by his widow, Reba Rempel, and three sons, one of whom is Evan Rempel of George Fox College faculty.



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Christian Endeavor Doings

C. E. Convention

Under mostly sunny skies, 206 Oregon Yearly Meeting Christian Endeavorers traveled to the beautiful Cannon Beach Bible Conference grounds to spend a fun-filled, God-centered weekend. Beginning December 28, Friday afternoon, and ending December 31, Monday morning, the sixth annual Mid-Winter Convention was held for the first time on conference grounds instead of meeting in a local Friends church.

Buses from Idaho, Puget Sound and southern Oregon arrived, adding to the bigger-than-anticipated crowds arriving by car. From the first general assembly in the newly built chapel to the Monday morning breakfast, Christian Endeavorers found a brimming-full program to keep them busy.

Saturday morning the high schoolers attended a Friends doctrine class taught by Marjorie Crisman, junior high schoolers listened to Ward Haines on Quaker history, and Charles Beals conducted a discussion class for sponsors and pastors. Carolyn Bishop, Iverna Lyda, Jean Foley, Phil Harmon and Meredith Beals, all members of the executive, held discussion classes on the duties of C.E. officers. In the afternoon the annual business meeting was held with free time for games in the gymnasium and strolls to the ocean.

Five evangelistic services, with song leading by Phil Harmon, and Ardeth Hopper as pianist, specials by tenor soloist Bill Hopper, and Spirit-filled messages by evangelist Clynton Crisman were the spiritual high lights of the weekend. Quiet attention to the sermons and concentration on the leading of the Holy Spirit led many C.E. 'ers to an altar of prayer where several were saved for the first time, and many others found new victories.

The meals, prepared by cooks Mrs. Victor Morse and Mrs. Wilbert Eichenberger, were excellent. Dining hall hostess was Mrs. Louise Gillen, and dining hall manager was John Fankhauser. Perhaps their busiest meal was the Swiss steak banquet Saturday evening. The hilarious program planned by Gordon Martin was augmented with special numbers in song, skits and (as always) the toastmaster's (Paul Morse) jokes. Revealed at this time by the president of Oregon Yearly Meeting Christian Endeavor, Quentin Nordyke, was the winning Christian Endeavor society in share-selling, which was Newberg Intermediate C.E. sponsored by Meredith Beals (six girls sold 122 shares), and the top individual "sales lady" was Geneva Nordyke, president of South Salem Senior C.E. The Newberg C.E. received a \$10.00 gift certificate from a book store, and Geneva who sold 73 shares was presented with a \$25.00 savings bond.

Films, including the "Story of Queen Esther," were shown in the chapel. The lodge, historic stage coach stop of the "frontier days," was the

scene of intensive executive committee meetings, an excellent "supplies to C.E. success" display, which consisted of numerous books on C.E. meetings, socials and song services, in charge of Jean Foley, junior superintendent of O. Y. M.

Although Sunday found a drizzle in the weather, it didn't dampen the spirits of the conventioners as they met for Sunday School classes with Marjorie Crisman, Velda Harmon and Harley Adams, followed by the morning service. In the afternoon, "enthusiasm" became the word all C.E. 'ers will remember from Phil Harmon; also James Bishop and four students from George Fox College spoke on their college experiences.

A lot of work? Yes, but the spontaneous testimonies of the C.E. 'ers at the convention, the new enthusiasm and the triumphant testimonies of the dedicated young people repay every effort and every penny contributed to make mid-winter convention at Cannon Beach this year a success. This annual convention is the only time that the young people of Oregon Yearly Meeting can meet together in fun and fellowship, and as the C.E. promoting president, Quentin Nordyke, said, "Next year we want over 300." From the response to this year's convention, it looks like a sure thing.

It depends upon every C.E. 'er who attended, and upon the praying churches of O. Y. M. who so generously backed this year's convention. It depends upon you!

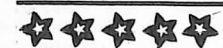


PRINGLE

A C.E. has been organized with the pastors, Roger and Eulalia Smith, as sponsors and John Davis helping. Most of the young people have been saved now, and it is hoped that they will be faithful to the church. They are working hard on a three-act play for the Christmas program.

STAR

A large delegation from our Christian Endeavor attended the rally held at the Nampa church on Sunday afternoon, November 25. Quentin Nordyke, Y. M. C. E. president, was the speaker for the occasion.



AMONG THE CHURCHES

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

CHEHALEM CENTER

Scott and Grace Clark, pastors

The church committees are busy getting the Christmas program and there is a general good spirit among us all at this time of the year when we think of just what Christmas really means to Christians.

We were glad to have Dean Gregory with us Dec. 2nd on Sunday evening. He showed pictures of his and Kathleen's trip to Bolivia which were of interest to all and let us glimpse a little of the great work that our missionaries are doing for the Lord.

Our pastors are very pleased to have the parsonage re-painted inside, which was much needed, and we all want the ones who worked on it to know we think it looks much better.

We have a new family, the Rawilly Rogers, who have come to worship in our little church. They are a great help to us all and we wish them the Lord's blessings in their lives.

NEWBERG

Charles Beals, pastor

The dramatics department of George Fox College under the direction of Dilla Tucker presented a one-act devotional drama, "The Other Wise Man," at our church Wednesday evening, Dec. 12.

The Julia Pearson missionary group met with Fern Roberts at Springbrook on Monday evening, Dec. 17.

The WMU met with Mildred Beals on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20.

The Brotherhood had breakfast at Bowman's Cafe on Saturday morning, Dec. 15.

SS work was presented at a meeting in our church on Monday evening, Dec. 10. Rev. Ulphyn Davis spoke on visitation, and Mrs. Davis spoke on lesson preparation.

Over \$600 was given for the building fund for a new SS annex at the first monthly offering for this program.

The choir, under direction of Rachel Gettman, gave three Christmas numbers on Dec. 23 at the morning worship.

The high school CE society conducted the church service on Sunday evening, Nov. 25. Talks were given on the subject, "The 'I Am's' of Jesus." Meredith Richey presided. Speakers were Gene Martin, Norma Bingaman, Robert Powell and Jamie Sandoz.

The Visionaires (the Four Flats) and Les Barnett had a service in our church on Friday, Nov. 30, under the auspices of the Baptist and Friends men's groups.

WEST CHEHALEM

Herman Macy, pastor

Our SS has grown so that we are crowded for room. Two of the classes have to meet in the parsonage. Donald Lindgren, architect, has made us a set of blue prints for a remodeling job which will enlarge our auditorium, give us ten new class rooms, a kitchen and furnace room. These plans have been accepted by the monthly meeting and some preliminary work has been done toward construction.

Several of our CE's are planning to attend the Yearly Meeting CE convention to be held at Cannon Beach during the holidays.

Keith and Dorothy Macy, from the University of Nevada, spent Christmas with Keith's parents, our pastors. Keith sang "Holy Night" at the Sunday morning worship service.

Our SS program, directed by Rae Anderson, Viola Thumberg and Rose Fendall was a real success and was witnessed by a capacity crowd.

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

AGNEW

Peter Fertello, pastor

On Nov. 25 we had a very welcome guest, Geraldine Perisho. She was at the Kenneth Clay home.

The WMU met at the Clay home for the business meet-

ing. The women sold Christmas cards and turned \$25.00 over to the building fund, the project to be decided later.

Our Christmas program will be held Sunday evening Dec. 23.

A good revival meeting is certainly needed at Agnew and we are praying for that when Denver Headrick will be here the latter part of March.

The Jefferson-Clallam County Holiness meeting was held at Agnew on Wednesday Dec. 19 with Rev. H. E. Metcalf of Portland as guest speaker.

HOLLY PARK

Dillon Mills, pastor

SS attendance has held up fairly well during the "bad weather months." The figure has continued right around the 100 mark since the first of October. Sunday morning worship services have been well attended too.

WMU was held at Fern Mills' home, the December meeting being the annual Christmas party. Secret pals were revealed with the gift exchange, and new names were drawn for the coming year.

The SS Christmas program was a very unique presentation this year. The entire day, built around a missionary theme, was filmed and taped ahead of time. The colored slides and recordings were then presented two times—at a vesper service, and the regular Sunday evening hour.

Tragedy struck one of our SS families over the Thanksgiving weekend. Mr. Donald Anderson was killed instantly when the car in which he was riding with his family skidded out of control on an icy road near Soap Lake, Wash. Mrs. Anderson is confined at home with a fractured back and other serious injuries. The children, Robert and Joan, were unhurt. Judy and Carol Anderson are members of the Holly Park church.

The Brotherhood pot-luck was held at the parsonage, with a good meeting reported.

At this writing, we are still waiting for the wheels of government to grind out the building permits needed to begin construction on the new church.

McKINLEY AVENUE

William Murphy, pastor

We have been busy preparing for our Christmas program, and our special Christmas Sunday, hoping for 200 at SS. The SS building fund contest is progressing wonderfully.

On the evening of Dec. 2nd our young people were again responsible for the evening service. Darlene Sage played two selections on her accordion. They had a round table discussion which was very interesting.

The WMU Christmas meeting was at the home of Erma Talmadge. The rooms were beautifully decorated for Christmas by her son Paul. Everyone enjoyed the delightful holiday smorgasbord luncheon. In the afternoon we had an exchange of white elephant Christmas gifts, and then each contributed money to our fund.

Edward Bear, service man stationed at Ft. Lewis, has gone home to Los Animas, Colo., for the holidays. We have been so glad to have him in our services.

Dec. 16th we had as guest speaker Mr. McClements, superintendent of Service Men's Christian Center, and our guest singer was Ron Torman a young service man.

We are looking forward to the new year with Christ. Our prayer is Eph. 3:17, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

EUGENE

Evert Tuning, pastor

Dr. Arthur Roberts was our speaker at our weekend Bible conference the first of December. We studied the book of Colossians, receiving much help and inspiration from the presentation of the teachings that are so applicable for the church today.

Most of the rest of the month was spent in Christmas activities and preparations. The junior department presented

their program on Christmas Sunday morning, and the young people gave a three-act play in the evening.

This was a memorable Christmas for Eugene Friends as it was our first Christmas in our new church. Several worked hard to prepare the walls in the sanctuary and painted them in time for our conference, and we have been enjoying the improved appearance all month.

Our pastors received a gift of dishes from the congregation. We also fixed a Christmas food and gift box for a needy family in our community.

December WMU was held at the parsonage, Marie Haines was our guest speaker and gave us a book review on "The Professor of Piny Woods." Refreshments appropriate to the season were served, and a "carol sing" was enjoyed. We sent a gift of sheets and pillow cases to Quincy.

HIGHLAND AVENUE

Paul Barnett, pastor

The American Bible Society reading program was urged by our pastor in recent meetings. An interesting Bible display and a film entitled "Living Word in Japan" was sponsored by this Society.

Our church has just received a lovely book-case as a gift. It contains a very splendid assortment of books in connection with the WMU reading program, as well as a youth library and other interesting books.

"The Other Wise Man," a George Fox College dramatic department play, was presented on Dec. 16th. It was well attended and gave an inspiring message.

A second pre-Christmas service will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th. It will be the cantata, "Heavenly Child," under the direction of Dick Zeller.

The WMU Christmas meeting on Dec. 20th will be special in that it will honor the elder members of our church.

Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd, is the time for the SS Christmas program. Leona Lyda has been working very hard as chairman.

The church has been busily preparing Christmas boxes for the outposts at Newport and Quincy.

We have been sorry to hear of the illness of William Hoffnell, a faithful member. He has been in the hospital for more than two weeks in serious condition.

PRINGLE

Roger Smith, pastor

Despite the fact that several months have slipped by without a report from us, Pringle Friends is still very much alive. Evidences of this life are apparent in many areas of the work. Several remarkable adult conversions have occurred since the last report, including that of a fine young couple just a few days ago. The development of responsibility in our young Christians continues as each one is given a job to do.

Continual progress is being made on the remodeling of the old building so that it will fit into a future expansion program. There is still work to be done, but our building has become a fairly attractive worship center. The most recent improvements have been the remodeling of the vestibule, and the pouring of concrete porch, steps, and walk. A new forced air oil furnace was installed the first of December.

It is hoped that soon more SS space can be constructed and then a new chapel. Our SS space is overcrowded now with an average of over 90 in attendance.

Twenty ladies of the church and SS enjoyed a lively Christmas party at the home of Leah Smith on the 18th.

SOUTH SALEM

John Fankhauser, pastor

We have new SS teachers for two classes. Mrs. Frances Pickett has consented to teach our high school class, and Carol Lee Enger helps the nursery group.

We have experienced wonderful answers to prayer as many of our young people have accepted Christ in this week preceding Christmas.

Our meeting has decided to go ahead with definite plans for a SS educational unit and a committee has been authorized to employ an architect to draw up preliminary plans. More about this later, we hope.

Our young adult class plans a family dinner Dec. 27th in the church basement and a fine attendance is anticipated.

The church basketball team has given wonderful account

of itself in winning every game played. The second half of church tournament finds our team pitted against the top half of contenders for the league title.

A very interesting display of Bibles contributed for our recognition of Universal Bible Sunday. Among others brought was one loaned by Edgar Sims—a complete Old and New Testament measuring 1x1 1/2 inches.

WMU met Dec. 18 at the home of Elizabeth and Emma Aebischer. Parolee Downs gave a very interesting account of "Christmas in Alaska." The 20 women present were treated to a sample of "Eskimo ice cream."

SPRAGUE RIVER

Gerald and Elaine Cronk, pastors

Plans are being made for our annual Christmas program, which will be presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, several of our people attended the missionary service at the Chiloquin Methodist church. Jonathan Tamplin and Rev. Moore put on the program which included the showing of colored moving pictures of Jonathan's work in Bolivia.

Each Thursday afternoon, 4:30 to 5:30, Elaine Cronk has a junior class meet at the parsonage for a story hour, consisting of Bible stories, singing, hand work, etc. It is for boys and girls in grades 4-6. There were 13 in attendance at the last class.

A WMU was organized Nov. 27th with nine ladies in attendance. Evelyn McIntyre was elected president; Esther Wilson, secretary; Mildred Lahoda, work chairman. JoAnne Magee presented a devotional lesson after which work was begun on a quilt for Bolivia. It was decided to have the meetings in the future on the second Tuesday of each month.

TALENT

Leroy Niefert, pastor

Rolly Hartley has accepted the invitation of the church to serve as assistant pastor. His responsibilities include directing the music and organizing the young married people's work.

A farewell dinner party in honor of Charles Lodge, who has been assigned overseas, was enjoyed by seven young married couples at the parsonage on Dec. 3.

The ladies of Talent WMU entertained guests from the Medford WMU at a Christmas party, Dec. 13, at the parsonage. Those attending enjoyed games, a short program, a gift exchange and refreshments.

A basketball team to join the church league is being organized by Lyio Tycksen and Melvin Wallace.

Parents' Day was observed in our SS on Dec. 16. There was an attendance of 71, in response to calls and special invitations.

Christmas parties and Christmas program practice occupy much of our time, at present. Our program will be presented Dec. 23.

S.W. WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

OAK PARK

J. Earl Geil, pastor

We were pleased to have a deputation team with us from the George Fox College, Oct. 28th.

The annual Thanksgiving union service was held at the Methodist church in Camas this year, our pastor being the speaker for the occasion.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. Sabina Wagner, whose mother passed away Dec. 11.

The WMU met Dec. 13 at the home of Mrs. Jean Hanson for an all-day meeting. In the forenoon we held our auction in the sale in the basement followed by a pot-luck dinner. In the afternoon we held our Christmas party upstairs where the Christmas tree was all decorated and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served to 14 ladies, 5 children and 2 visitors.

The CE president, Sherry Wallam, is back after six weeks of absence.

We appreciate Genevieve Mills consenting to return and play the organ for us once more Sunday evening Dec. 16.

We will have our regular Christmas program Sunday evening Dec. 23. A full program is being planned by the SS, CE and choir, so everybody is being busy at this writing.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Alder with us Sunday Dec. 16th. They live at Yakima, Wash., now.

ROSE VALLEY

Robert and Lela Morrill, pastors

Climaxing the Christmas season at Rose Valley was our annual Christmas program, given Dec. 19. Readings and songs were presented by the primary department, while the juniors and intermediates presented a play with tableau, accompanied by a junior choir. Directors were Ila Weedman and Lela Morrill, assisted by the SS teachers.

Other Christmas activities have included a caroling tour by the junior CE, and a party for the senior CE. The WMU held its Christmas party Dec. 14, with Anna White and Lela Morrill hostesses.

Taking holiday trips of considerable distance are Gordon and Pauline Whitaker, Francis and Don who are spending Christmas in Kansas; John, Pat and Steven Lemmons who are also visiting in Kansas; and George, Elizabeth, Milton and Beth Fogle, who will be with relatives in California.

In conjunction with our prayer meetings we are studying the teacher-training film, "Know Your Child." Presented through film strips, narration and a question-and-answer period, it is being well received and attended. Opportunity will be given for those who wish to receive "teaching certificates," evidencing their mastery of the material.

The church basketball team has lost one and won two practice games recently. They begin league play Jan. 3.

VANCOUVER

John Retherford, pastor

The November meeting of the WMU met with Irene Haisch. Kathleen Gregory gave a splendid talk and showed pictures of the Gregory's recent visit to Bolivia. The ladies also gave a splendid shower to the Thomases for their work in Bolivia.

Our new pastor, John Retherford, and family from Indiana, expect to arrive in time for the first Sunday in January. The Retherfords have been missionaries in Africa.

The William Penn Club met in the Alcoa dining room for a 6:30 breakfast on the 16th with the Rev. Howard Cole, minister of the First Christian church, as guest speaker. Dr. Cole gave a very inspiring message appropriate to the Christmas season.

Anna Coffin entertained her SS class of girls at the Coffin's cottage on Deep Creek, near Barton. The girls report a wonderful time.

We had the pleasure of having a group of students from George Fox College with us for the SS hour and the morning service on Dec. 2nd. Among them was a very gifted young lady from Japan who spoke most interestingly of her native land during the closing exercises.

The WMU held its December meeting at the home of Esther Brougher. It was a dinner meeting. The Brougher's home was beautifully decorated for Christmas and the dinner was delicious.

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

CAMBRIDGE

Quincy Fodge, pastor

We are making progress here in Cambridge. We will have a resident pastor as soon as a house can be found for them. Quincy and Eilene Fodge will be here soon.

Ernest and Temple Lee are to be here for the week of December 17-21. The Fodges will assist them during that week. We feel the type of ministry carried on by the Lees will be very well suited to the needs of this community.

Generally speaking, the people of this area are more hospitable and friendly than those found in other places; of course there are exceptions, one person in distributing tracts was given quite a cursing because they put some literature in the back of a pickup.

The Perishos will not continue here as pastors. Their work among us was very much appreciated by all.

We are expecting to have a larger attendance now. The men of the church, with the help of Wayne Piersall and Kenneth Hull, have made four new benches. That will about double the seating capacity.

BOISE

Waldo Hicks, pastor

The WMU met with Ann Williams Thursday evening Dec. 6th. A Christmas theme was used and there was a gift exchange.

The senior CE group had a progressive dinner party Saturday evening Dec. 8th.

The church league basketball season is in full swing. Let's support our team and hope for a victorious year.

A film, "The Lord's Day," was shown Sunday evening Dec. 9th. This served as a reminder that we should constantly "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Friday evening Dec. 14th was the date set for the SS contest winner's party. It was held in the church basement with the "Blues" as honor guests. They were the winners of the contest and were therefore entertained by the "Maroons."

A study group has been organized for the young people. It is called the "Compass Club." They meet on alternate Saturday evenings and combine the discussion with a social hour.

Rev. and Mrs. Ira Taylor, missionaries on furlough from Peru, were guest speakers Sunday evening Dec. 16th.

Contributions are being given toward the purchase of new hymn books for our church.

MEADOWS

Clair Lund, pastors

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Clarkson have purchased new song books for the church. The ones chosen were "Worship and Praise." These will be dedicated and put into use on Sunday, Dec. 23. We all appreciate this generosity and feel that this will be a good contribution to our worship services.

The SS Christmas program was given Sunday night, Dec. 23. It consisted of a shadow pantomime with songs and Scripture by the junior classes and pieces by the younger children.

Our SS attendance has been growing this quarter and we are working and praying that it will continue in the New Year.

We are joining with the Community Methodist church for a watch night service. Included will be the film, "Martin Luther."

STAR

Dorwin E. Smith, pastor

Clark Smith, pastor of the Spokane church, was the guest speaker at prayer meeting Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th.

Raymond and Hilma Haworth returned Nov. 27th after spending Thanksgiving with their daughter and family; the Harlow Ankeny's, at Glendora, Calif. Their son, Waldo, of Los Angeles, also was with them. They report a very pleasant trip.

Ralph and Ada Haworth spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and her family in Seattle.

Grace Hadley is making an extended visit with Walter and Kathryn Wilhite in Spokane.

Ethel Ralphs is being missed while she is away for two weeks. She is helping in the home of her daughter, Beatrice Tish, caring for the household while Beatrice and Oral attend the National Farm Bureau convention in Miami, Fla.

The local WMU was held Dec. 6th at the Carl Norman home.

The Public Relations Committee presented the film, "Far From Alone," at the evening service, Dec. 9th.

Several of our men attended a meeting of the Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting Brotherhood in Boise, Dec. 10th. Carl Burt, representative from Ada County to the state legislature, was the speaker of the evening.

The Christmas program of the SS will be held Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd.

WHITNEY

Walter P. Lee, pastor

Whitney has just finished a revival meeting with Ernest and Temple Lee as evangelists. These services have been a real spiritual blessing. Some have advanced in their walk with the Lord, some have been renewed spiritually, and some have found Christ as their personal Savior for the first time.

Verna Reynolds received word of the death of her father, Kasper Kraft, in North Dakota. He was an affiliate member here. His other daughters living in Boise are Ruth Anderson and Iva Baldwin.

Mrs. Lee Rogers spent a few days visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Washburn. She is the former Kitty Washburn and now lives in Emmett.

The Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting Brotherhood met at the Boise Friends church Dec. 10, with Carl Burt, Ada County

representative to the state legislature, bringing the message. He is a Christian business man living in Boise.

The Whitney meeting is rejoicing for the complete liquidation of our basement debt. Money was received on a recent Sunday evening to furnish the remaining amount needed, and the debt has been paid in full; also sufficient money has been received to pay the remainder due on our new song books.

WOODLAND

William Harold, pastor

The WMU sponsored the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Woodland hall. A large crowd enjoyed a good time of fellowship, a bountiful dinner and a program.

We were happy to have some of our young people home for the Thanksgiving holidays. Among them were Gay and Jean Foley from Newberg, Ore. They were accompanied by Gordon Martin. John and Georgia Belle Williams and son Scott John and Georgia Belle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis, of Junction City, Ore., visited at the home of Fred and Lela Williams. Bob and Yasuko Adams of Seattle were also home.

On Dec. 9 we observed Universal Bible Sunday with special music, readings and an appropriate message. Some interesting Bibles were displayed.

The service on the evening of Dec. 16 centered around a color sound film, "The Birth of the Savior."

A Christmas program will be presented at the church by the CE and SS groups on the evening of Dec. 23.

On Dec. 26 we will begin revival services with Ernest and Temple Lee as our evangelists. The meetings will last through Jan. 6.

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

CALDWELL

Richard Cossel, pastor

On Nov. 25 Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Farris, who are the parents of Mrs. Nate Saint, wife of the plane pilot who was murdered along with four fellow missionaries in Ecuador nearly a year ago, showed pictures of the mission work there, including some that were in Mr. Saint's camera when it was recovered.

Dean Gregory spoke to us during the prayer meeting hour Nov. 28. Prayer meeting Dec. 12 was "Home Missions" prayer meeting. Different members had written to the outposts, and letters received in answer were read and prayer requests emphasized.

Everett Clarkson brought the message Sunday evening, Dec. 9. The young people had charge of the service the evening of Dec. 16. A short play was given showing some of the burdens of life that could weigh us down if we don't cast them on the Lord. Raeleen Barnes and Joan Howard sang a duet, and Richard Cossel gave a sermonette.

December WMU met with Leona Baker. Roll call was answered by each one singing a phrase of a Christmas Carol. Pearl Birch reviewed the book "Farther Into the Night," by Mrs. Gordon Smith, missionary to Indo China. Gifts of not over 50¢ value were exchanged.

Clare Howard has recovered from his accident sufficiently to be back at his post as music director.

A bridal shower was held at the home of Unalee Cloud in honor of Betty Winters who will soon become the bride of Marvin Hall.

GREENLEAF

Oscar Brown, pastor

Leland and Iverna Hibbs had charge of the Sunday morning service Nov. 25. Following the service, a "fellowship dinner" in their honor was enjoyed in Friendship Hall. Monday night, Nov. 26, they left the Boise airport on their way to Bolivia. A group went to see them off. We are glad they arrived safely.

Quarterly Meeting WMU met at Greenleaf Nov. 28 with Marie Haines and Dean Gregory speaking.

Y. M. Board of Evangelism met at Greenleaf Nov. 27 and 28.

Tina Knight WMU met at the Morris Ankeny home Nov. 29. Mrs. Walter Sloan was guest speaker showing slides of her missionary work in Central America.

Greenleaf church and academy experienced real revival as Ernest and Temple Lee ministered to us Dec. 5 to 16.

We thank the Lord for them. We can never be the same again.

Rev. John Cross of Boise spoke to WCTU at the church Dec. 7.

Tina Knight WMU met Dec. 18 and packed cookies for shut-ins.

Greenleaf grade school presented, "The Littlest Angel" Dec. 20.

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

EAST WENATCHEE

Nathan Pierson, pastor

Our pastors were surprised with a food shower following our Thanksgiving dinner.

Since Thanksgiving time the used carpeting has been laid and cleaned. Also the platform has been put in. We are thankful for all these additions to our church.

December meeting of the WMU was a luncheon meeting with Gladys McEldowney. We sipped the treats for the SS which were made up of homemade cookies and candies.

The SS Christmas program was given the evening of Dec. 16. The cantata "Come Hear the Story" was given. Following the program refreshments were served and a time of getting acquainted was enjoyed. Our pastors were surprised with a cash Christmas gift.

ENTIAT

Randall Emry, pastor

Seems like a long time since Thanksgiving but it was after last month's dead line. Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Davis were up to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter and family, the Emrys. Evan Jones and family came over the mountains to celebrate his father's 82nd birthday on Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Our SS is keeping up very well after the contest. We had a very good Christmas program on Sunday evening before Christmas, with about 140 present.

We were all much blessed when a couple, that we had been praying for, visited our pastor in his study and got right with the Lord.

We are expecting Marlin Witt to be with us as the evangelist for a series of meetings from Dec. 27 to Jan. 13. Pray for us. We have had the floor of our auditorium refinished with a good scrubbing and two coats of varnish.

We are glad to welcome back Virginia Griffith and Charles Minnick from college for Christmas vacation.

This Christmas, with bare ground, is quite different from last year, when we had two to three feet of snow, and cold.

SPOKANE

A. Clark Smith, pastor

We praise the Lord for His care over the church. During the past few weeks several members have been involved in traffic accidents, with no one hurt seriously except Mrs. Warren Smith who is now recovered. In other accidents were: Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, Alvin Piatt, Jr., and Walter Wilhite.

The young people conducted the Sunday evening service on Dec. 2, with Ron Harris speaking.

The SS Christmas program was held on Dec. 16. The theme was "The Characters of Christmas Meet Christ." At the end, the audience was faced with the decision of accepting or rejecting Christ.

There were 21 present at the WMU Christmas party held at the home of Katherine Wilhite. The program was planned by Velma Perry. A gift exchange was included.

For the past month, William Thomas has been working on the new Hayden Lake church building. Clayton Curryer has also spent some time there.

The Herman Homer family recently returned from Texas where Mr. Homer has been attending a company training school.

The Howard Fuller family, recently taken into Spokane, has moved into the city.





The BOOK CORNER

By Arthur O. Roberts
(Book Review Editor)

Ray L. Carter, editor of this paper, placed in my hands an autographed copy of a book of poems by Edna Janes Kayser, *THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH* (Boston: The Christopher Company, 1956: \$2.00), and has thus added a new devotional writer to my acquaintance. The slender book (nearly 100 pages) of warmly devotional poems is divided into three parts, which may be characterized, roughly, as "The Bridegroom cometh," "Portraits of the King," and "Appeal to Sinners." I like this about the poems as a whole: they are fully evangelical and Christ-centered. As devotional literature, naturally, personal religious experience looms large. Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting the author, I would gather from the content of her writing that she writes with an affection for the Savior akin to the woman who, out of sheer gratitude, lavished upon the Lord ointment from an alabaster flask.

Although I found some passages too "sentimental" (e.g., the phrase, "O come sweet One—come back to me," from the title poem) there is, nonetheless, a wealth of nicely-phrased adoration. Several poems contain stern indictment of particular sins (i.e., "adultery") but always is the mercy of Christ held out.

One of my favorite selections is from "Outside the Gate":

I look in eyes that pierce my own
With urging words I have not known,
"O come with me, outside the gate
Help bring the men of lost estate."

How can I walk this way apart
Lest I shall go with broken heart,
My hand in His that bears the nails
I go with love that never fails.



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with energy, and of carrying it out to its logical results."

We do not deny that, in all probability, most of Paul's converts were baptized, but very few of them were baptized by him. He expressly asserts that, among all of the Corinthians who had been converted by his ministry, he baptized none save Crispus and Gaius and the household of Stephanas. As highly favored as Paul was as a minister of the gospel, and as extensive as were his labors in making disciples of all nations, he abstained to a very great extent from administering the rite of baptism, and for this reason—**THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO COMMISSION TO PERFORM IT**—"For Christ," he said, "sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel."

So, in this second part of Acts, under his more spiritual interpretation of the gospel, we see Paul and his ministry superceding Peter and his ministry. The last time Peter is mentioned is in Acts 15:7. While Peter leaned toward legalism, Paul was the champion of our liberties.

It was he who said, "You . . . hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross" (Col. 2:13-14).

It was he who said, "Ye are complete in Him" (Col. 2:10). If I am complete in Him no fleshly rite can add to my completeness. If I add to it, then I deny that His work fully met God's claims.

"Complete in Christ my Savior,

My heart is satisfied;

For He is all sufficient,

What need for ought beside."

It was he who said, "If ye be dead with Christ . . . why are ye subject to ordinances? (Touch not, taste not, handle not)" (Col. 2:20-21). And he said again, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1).



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