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Oregon Yearly Meeting presiding clerk Dorwin Smith, introduces four newly recorded ministers at the Sunday afternoon mission rally. They are, from left to right, Kwan Kyu Kim, Edwin Cammack, Dan Nolte and David Liu.

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The Superintendent's Corner

By Dean Gregory

The following article was read to the Yearly Meeting sessions as a letter from Dean Gregory and is herewith shared with our readers at his request. — Editor

DURING the recent months of my illness God has been my very present Comforter and Healer. My testimony continues to be that through this experience of infirmity of body there has been constant peace of heart and mind, and there has never been a doubt but that this, too, is a part of God's plan for my life. I have no doubt but that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

There have been many, many wonderful blessings coming to us through the past two and one half months. First, God's presence and His Word have been very evidently manifested. The Psalms have been my special delight. David must have gone through great testings of soul, for his writings indicate that

O Y M Headquarters Mailing Address Changes

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he had often been driven to God for comfort, encouragement and preservation of life itself. Psalm 16:11 reads, "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forever more." This verse is a great encouragement to me.

Then, my family and friends have gone all out to encourage me and I thank every one of you who has prayed for me, and those who have written encouraging letters and sent cards. Friends of our Yearly Meeting and our personal friends from all over America and in other countries have surely poured out their love to me and my family in this time of my weakness and need.

We do want to thank the Yearly Meeting for your generous spirit in extending to us a three month sick leave with continuing salary. Your thoughtfulness in providing a love offering to help us with our heavy medical expenses is so much appreciated. There has come in \$505.05 which, after the tithe, amounts to almost exactly our doctor and hospital expenses, above insurance coverage. (During the yearly meeting sessions another love offering of \$204.00 was given to the Gregorys—Ed.) Thank you for all these things.

Clynton Crisman has been like a brother to me through the years we have worked together. During my illness he has taken over my work in addition to his own, and I have

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Editorial

Are We Committed or Committeed?

THESE two conditions come to mind as we look back on the Yearly Meeting sessions: Are Quakers really committed or merely committeed?

There is something disturbing about the routine referral of matters to special groups for special answers. Does the Church have no answers? Do these committees, councils and boards really find suitable answers or do they find only the consensus of current Quaker opinion which will then be funneled back through a business committee to the Clerk's desk to be tentatively approved and referred back to a Discipline Committee and held over for one year to be reviewed?

Committee considerations are important, of course. But committees in the Friends Church are to implement the work assigned to them rather than determine policy or initiate action. Referral to committees should never be just an easy way to avoid difficult decisions. The philosophy of Friends business procedure which allows for corporate guidance of the Holy Spirit provides real solutions or innovations. It is one thing to be "satisfied" with this kind of conclusion to a matter, but quite another to "approve" dodging an issue by delegating responsible thought and reverent contemplation to small groups charged with taking the time and energy for such effort. The scheme of Friends organization is designed to funnel individual concerns and testimony upward through the monthly, quarterly and yearly meeting to the world. More frequently these concerns, when manifest at all, are committee concerns carefully worked out by special committees within a board or department and briefly lifted to the floor of the Yearly Meeting for approval while most Friends with one eye on the mimeographed memorandum and the other on the clock try to determine what is right. A splendid decision may be reached this way, but Friends at large with bewildered or blank expressions move to the next recommended plan feeling more committeed than committed.

Let's not be too quick to criticize the committeemen, however. There just may be too many bewildered Quakers who come to Yearly Meeting empty-headed and irresponsible because they have already become Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting drop-outs and who have simply not done their home-work to be intelligently informed on issues crucial to the future of Friends and the Church. And if only a handful have read the Minutes of previous years, if only a few know their Disciplines and doctrines, if only a few in their reading habits follow the problems and dilemmas of Christians in today's world, if too many Friends are easily bored with business discussions and are content to roam the grounds and dissipate the designated minutes for consideration for church affairs, or isolate themselves in balconies and corners with no expectation of entering into matters we struggle with as Quakers today—then let us be grateful for committees! At least most of our committees are committed. But what about the Quakers?

—J. L. W.

Writer of this month's article appearing in magazines of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, is Walter P. Lee, general Superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends. He was a pastor and active in foreign missionary work as President of the Board of Missions in Oregon Yearly Meeting for fifteen years. A graduate of North Pacific Evangelistic Institute (now Cascade College), Willamette University, and with graduate study at University of Oregon, Walter Lee engaged in teaching for fifteen years before entering into the ministry.



The Ministry of The Holy Spirit

By Walter P. Lee

IF ANY people have a responsibility for a clear witness to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the people called Friends should be in the vanguard. For the Friends of the seventeenth century were those who emphasized the ministry of and the essential baptism with the Holy Spirit and who depended so completely upon His leadership.

One has cause to wonder if there is the same emphasis by twentieth century Friends. Any hazy concept of the Holy Spirit, any impression that He is a supplemental luxury or any uncertain witness to His work in individual lives calls for a return to the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Holy Scriptures and His direct dealings with men consistent with His inspired Word.

Much could be said of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in all past ages. However, He has a special ministry in this age which has followed the advent and ascension of Jesus Christ and this is definitely related to the ministry of Christ.

The ministry of Christ was unique in that He as God revealed Himself in a manner which could be comprehended by man, and by His

sacrifice made possible complete redemption for man. But more than an historical account of the unique work of Christ was necessary to make redemption effective for generations yet unborn when Christ ascended to heaven.

So Jesus Christ clearly stated that He was sending His Holy Spirit, who had no limitations of the flesh, as His representative, His agent, His administrator to act for Him following His ascension and until He returns again.

In a very real sense the ministry of Christ is being executed in the world today by the Holy Spirit. The importance of the Holy Spirit is made clear by Jesus when He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." (John 16:7). Jesus revealed that the coming of the Holy Spirit was more important than His own continued sojourn on earth.

While the provisions of redemption were accomplished through the sacrifice of Christ, the benefits are administered to men by the Holy Spirit. The new birth is a result of this ministry. The sacrifice of Christ makes the new birth possible; the ministry of the Holy Spirit makes it meaningful to the individual. Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit "is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). The Spirit convicts men of sin or they would never be saved. In His conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus stated the necessity of the new birth and proceeded to say, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit" (John 3:5, 6). Thus it appears that the Holy Spirit is the active agent in the new birth.

The provisions of redemption through Christ also include sanctification for we read in the Epistle to the Hebrews, "Wherefore, Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Hebrews 13:12). But the Holy Spirit is the administrator of this provision also as indicated in II Thessalonians 2:13, "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth". The Apostle Paul speaks of the Gentiles "being sanctified by the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15:16).

Upon sound Scriptural foundation Friends have believed that the essential baptism is the baptism with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist

in preparing the way for Jesus said that though he baptized with water unto repentance, the One who should follow him and who was greater than he, would baptize "with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Just before His ascension Jesus told His disciples, "John truly baptized you with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:8). On the day of Pentecost this promise was fulfilled and the Scripture indicated that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Later testimony of Peter associated the purification of their hearts with this baptism.

But many have distorted the truth in assuming that the fullness of the Spirit is primarily a crisis experience. The Scripture surely indicates that definite crisis experience, but subsequent incidents and the power of the Holy Spirit revealed in the lives of the believers give evidence that the fullness of the Spirit is not a static experience, but a dynamic continuing relationship. It is difficult to conceive of an anemic Spirit-filled life.

Someone has said that to understand the character of the Holy Spirit whom He would send would not speak of Himself, but would testify of Jesus. Any unChrist-like attitudes or actions, or carnal and selfish dispositions are not of the Holy Spirit and are not characteristic of the Spirit-filled life.

A further ministry of the Holy Spirit is the witness He gives to our acceptance into the family of God. We could be misled by opinions of friends and we could misappropriate passages from the Bible concerning our relationship to God, but the Holy Spirit furnishes unmistakable assurance for we read "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16).

It should be repeated that vital personal knowledge of and fellowship with Jesus Christ is through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. While we have the Scriptures and may read of man's sinfulness, God's love and Christ's redemptive work, the Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures, must illuminate them to our spirits for them to become personally meaningful. The Apostle Paul states this to the Corinthians as he speaks of the things of God which are not understood by the world but declares "God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (I Cor. 2:10).

There are several facets of the ministry of the Holy Spirit which are very precious to the child of God and should be especially evident in the Spirit-filled Christian. What great comfort and assurance comes to a child of God as he knows that the Holy Spirit intercedes

for him before the Heavenly Father. How often in praying under great burden have we sensed our inability to express the concern of our hearts, our lack of knowledge concerning what we should ask and have found strength and assurance in the promise ministry of the Holy Spirit. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27). This is a wonderful ministry of the Spirit and to reject or disobey Him is to cast ourselves upon the futility of praying without the help of the Holy Spirit.

In His last words to His disciples Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, stated that those upon whom the Spirit came would receive power and linked this with the words, "and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Undoubtedly this has been misunderstood and misinterpreted often, and people have demanded of God various unusual phenomena which were not inferred in Christ's promise as an evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is unquestioned that God does supernatural things through Spirit-filled people and the book of Acts records some of these. It is probable that there would be more supernatural activities of the Spirit if He were allowed unhindered control in the lives of more professing Christians.

But it is important to consider the manifestation of the power in relation to witnessing. Witnessing is not confined to the use of words, but is closely related to the spirit, attitudes, interests and manner of life of the individual. In fact, the witness of the life should give power to the words. Is the power of the Holy Spirit greater in physical miracles than in the grace to meet temptations victoriously, to suffer injustice without bitterness, to be mistreated without harboring resentment, to meet life's adversities without loss of faith in God, and to suffer disappointment without losing the joy of the Lord? This kind of living reveals the power of the Holy Spirit and is an unimpeachable witness. The power of the Spirit is not necessarily power to perform spectacular supernatural things, but the power to meet the ordinary problems and adversities of life in the supernatural way.

An important facet of the Holy Spirit's work applied to daily living is His leadership. Early Friends relied upon this leadership and the results were evident in their lives and min-

istry. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would teach concerning Him and guide into all truth. It is no exaggeration of the work of the Spirit to state that He is able to guide an individual daily in steps effecting his life and witness. But such guidance is largely dependent upon the degree to which the Spirit is allowed to fill the life. If there is little evidence of guidance, there is little evidence that the Holy Spirit has been allowed control in the life. It should be normal for the Spirit-filled child of God to experience this leadership for there should be no hindrance from within to the performance of the Spirit's will.

Certainly not all who profess to be led by the Holy Spirit are so led. They may be led by their own spirits or by some other spirits, but not necessarily by the Holy Spirit. There are some definite guide lines and the Spirit never contradicts Himself by leading contrary to the principles in the Scriptures which He inspired. That which is contrary to His inspired written Word is not of the Spirit.

The Friends method of transacting church business is based upon faith in the leadership of the Spirit. If this fails, as it has too frequently, it is no reflection upon the Holy Spirit, but simply evidence that some members have not submitted to the control and direction of the Spirit. It is not presumption to believe that the Holy Spirit can lead a corporate group as one man. The Spirit is not divided and if all are under His control He will not lead in opposite directions. Not too often, but often enough to recognize that the Spirit can do if permitted, I have witnessed business sessions where Friends of differing opinions have acted with one mind after waiting together before the Lord. This should be normal in the life of the individual and the church.

In conclusion it should be stated that the evidences of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a person's life do not necessarily appear in his church positions or activities, for he may have selfish ambitions, nor in his pious attitudes, for he may have spiritual pride, nor in his presentation of Scriptural truth bringing benefit to others, for God causes even the wrath of man to praise Him, nor in his apparent success, for there are many who suppose that gain is godliness. But the evidences appear in the fruit of the Spirit, "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Thanks be to our Lord that He sent His Holy Spirit to be with us and in us during this age. He came to make us Christ-like with our permission.

Letters and Comments

Dear Friend.

As I look at the July-August Northwest Friend it looks good to see the Bolivian young people and the girls that look like girls. The dresses over their knees like ours did many years ago. I believe this is a Virtue taught them to have a degree of modesty. Those girls aren't using Men's styles for dress.

I have just returned from one of our youth camps where they claim to be Christian, but I think they are following the most extreme styles for both boys and girls, tight pants, short shorts, tight & short skirts; looks like we have run out of material for clothing. And on top of that it tends to induce filthy jokes between the sexes in my hearing. I wondered how much worse they were, out of my hearing?

I am not one who wants to live in the past and like to stay reasonably in style. I hear the girls dresses are to get much shorter. Do we have any lines drawn for modesty, it is disgraceful, the way it's going.

Sincerely,
Mabel Lyda
Nampa, Idaho

Editor, Northwest Friend
Newberg, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I find much to agree with and think about in the recent Northwest Friend article concerning the gift of discernment by Arthur O. Roberts. I say "hurrah" for those who are not afraid to speak or write on controversial issues. George Fox wasn't.

I would like to see more articles dealing with the other gifts of the Spirit in future issues. Church reports, conference reports, and mission reports are alright, and even inspiring at times, but we also need more of this kind of meat to chew on (Hebrews 5 and 6).

Howard C. Morse
Corvallis, Oregon
The Northwest Friend



Queen Cathy Clites

Why I Want to Attend Youth Temperance Camp

THE MORAL Action Board of Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends Church is happy to announce the two winners in the letter writing contest, "Why I Would Like to Go to a Temperance Camp." Winners were Dorothy Ball of Silverton Friends Church who made a valuable contribution to the camp and received a perfect 100% score on her Camp Final Quiz and Cathy Clites of Metolius Friends Church who was elected by the campers as Queen of Total Abstinence. Following are their letters and a statement of their reactions to the camp. Their tuition, board and room were paid. The Oregon camp was held at Harlow Lodge near Eugene, June 28-July 2, 1965.

One of the real problems facing any youth is that of smoking, drinking, and narcotics. Most youth have had the bare facts presented to them, the facts being that smoking and drinking cause types of cancer and that narcotic intake is bad for one's health. However, nothing is ever mentioned about what God says on the subject.

Although these things are not present in my own life, I would like to know what the Bible says about these problems so that I can help others. I feel it is the duty of any Chris-

tian young person to be well informed about any way in which they can help their fellow students to find Christ. Not partaking of these things yourself isn't enough always to lead others to God. You must have a real reason as to why you're doing or not doing something and have real proof to back up your reason. I feel I could gain these things at a Temperance Camp.

Dorothy Ball
Silverton, Oregon

And after camp: I really enjoyed this camp. Actually I have no real dislikes. I do enjoy how friendly everyone is here. I really have enjoyed myself and, God willing, I'll be back next year. --Dottie Jean Ball

I would like to go to a Youth Temperance Camp because I feel it would be God's answer to many prayers.

I work with many young children during the course of a year. I teach Bible School and a story hour at the County Library during the summer. I have been a Girl's Camp counselor at Rockaway for two years. I am a Den Mother in Cub Scouts for six boys. There is always a need of young people to grow spiritually in the Lord. While doing this, they must also grow up in a world which is not always a bed of roses. I feel that a better knowledge of how Christian young people can face the problems of alcohol, tobacco and narcotics will aid me in my own life and in my witnessing to the tender young hearts that I work with.

Cathy Clites, Madras, Oregon

The Queen Speaks:

Before YTC Camp this year I knew nothing of the organization or of its basic ideas or standards for which it stood. I praise God that I was able to attend this Godly camp this summer. I signed the Youth Temperance Council pledge promising to abstain from alcohol, tobacco and narcotics. But as I read on, I also promised "to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same." Signing this gave me the realization that I could do more for my Lord than just say "no" in case of temptation but I could tell "why not"! I could tell how the use of narcotics, alcohol and tobacco injure our bodies, the temples of God. I have been inspired of God to tell and show others the way of salvation, urging abstinence in all forms. I praise God for His blessings in my life and ask His help in my reign as the Queen of Total Abstinence for 1965-1966.

Have Classes Will Travel

By Florene Nordyke

"**W**HERE and when will classes be held this year, pastor?" "Well, news for you, hermano (brother); they'll be in your church and soon!" Yes, the semi-annual August classes in Peru are traveling this year. Instead of holding the 4-6 day classes, separate for men and women, in Juli, the classes are going to the country. Quentin and Everett will be holding three-day classes in nearly every church during the months of June, July and August.

Time-consuming for busy missionaries? More work? Yes, but of more benefit to the people. This way everyone in the church, and some outside as yet will have a chance to attend classes. There will be time to visit, buy books and medicine, stock up on tracts. There will be classes on doctrine of Friends, chronology of the Bible, Bible study, quizzes, lots of music, games and funtime, handcraft, and evangelistic services with colored slides or filmstrips.

They will find a room for the missionaries, until the pickup arrives and the men can stay in the camper. They will arrange for someone to cook for the visitors. They will

arrange things so they can attend every session possible. They will study and sing and pray. They will learn more about the church, the Christian life. They will forget burdens and problems or at least be reminded of Him who cared for His own and who lifts the burdens and brings a song of joy to heavy hearts. They will talk over church problems and think of new ways to witness. They will undoubtedly be grateful for classes, for the presence and concern of the missionaries, and for your prayers on their behalf.

The Peruvian Friends Church is growing not only in numbers but in spiritual things. In many churches we visit we see new faces--faces happy and contented in the Lord. What joy to see our brethren begin to lead their relatives and neighbors into the happiness of salvation! What rejoicing when we hear that our believers are constantly changing their life patterns and walking in the light of the Spirit. "Evangelicals do not do that anymore" remark their watchful neighbors.

Patterns of organization are emerging. They do not have pastors but they do have leaders. They don't have monthly meetings with Robert's Rules of Order but they have elders who have the responsibility of the church in their care. This year they are holding quarterly meetings, the first one to be in Acaso. They don't have song leaders and ushers and committees, but they love to sing, to attend and handle the business of the church--everyone. And the missionaries see the hand of the Lord working and thank Him for it.

Problems? Oh, yes, many. Believers not walking in the light, some discouraged, many not with our standards, threats from the Catholics and neighbors, temptations from fiestas and alcohol, other customs from the old way of life. But woven throughout the fabric of the Peruvian Friends Church are the shining threads of faithfulness, peace, joy, faithful witnessing--the fruits of the Spirit. Lives are changed by Calvary and a Church is growing for His glory. A church thriving on the prayers of Oregon Yearly Meeting. How else? Certainly the missionaries cannot accomplish these things, only the Lord; but through hearts opened through the pathway and power of intercessory prayer.

I wish you each could visit the believers here. You'd never forget them and maybe your giving on their behalf--time, prayer, energy, money--would increase until your home church would see your joy in sharing with your Aymara Friends in Christ. ●

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George Fox College to Dedicate Two New Buildings

FOR THE first time in its seventy-four-year history, George Fox College will dedicate two major buildings in the space of only five weeks. The first of these is Heacock Commons, the new food service center, on which the construction is coming to completion in the next several days. Its features include a spacious and ultra-sanitary kitchen, replete with food storage in volume at different temperatures, bakery shop, salad preparation area, together with grills and ovens.

The dining hall itself is designed to serve 280 diners at small tables, but can be adapted to audiences of upwards of 500 for chapels, drama, recitals, and other cultural events. There is also a "Cap and Gown" room for faculty dining. The basic contract was for \$328,000, which is by a government loan; and \$22,000 in private funds, mainly by subscription. At this writing, about \$6,000 is not yet underwritten.

Mr. Everett Heacock will deliver the major address at a dedication supper to be served in the late afternoon of Convocation Sunday, September 26. The meal is by reservation, but is open to the general public. The College is using this means of showing its appreciation to Everett and Bertha Heacock, and their children, for their Christian stewardship over the years, not only in behalf of the school, but for the many important projects of the church and Oregon Yearly Meeting.

The second dedication is for the Calder Center. This imaginative structure will house the foreign language teaching and laboratory, areas for home economics, and biology. The general contract was for \$299,000; which left the chemistry wing incomplete, but the Administration is pleased to announce that the Educational Coordinating Council for the State of Oregon has recommended to the Federal Department of Education that George Fox be awarded a grant of approximately \$126,500 which should complete the building itself.

The building is in honor of Mr. Louis Calder, Sr., of New York City, by whose will the College was made the beneficiary at the discretion of the late Louis Calder, Jr., and other members of the Louis Calder Foundation Board, in the amount of \$300,000. The actual ceremonies will be a part of the annual Homecoming on Saturday, October 30. The time is set for the late morning, when the Hon. Mark O. Hatfield, governor of the State of Oregon, and a GFC trustee, will be the featured speaker. Here, again, the public is invited.

Both structures represent the competence of Donald Lindgren, Quaker architect of Vancouver, Washington, and use Willamina brick as greatly as possible. ●

THANK YOU

We want to tell Friends of Oregon Yearly Meeting how grateful we are for your love and kindness extended to us on the occasion of our 25th wedding anniversary. Our sons, Ron and Fred, planned a lovely reception for us at our home and many friends helped to make it a most happy day for us.

Your gift, provided by many of you at the Yearly Meeting in August, was presented to us by Clynton and Marjorie Crisman on behalf of Oregon Yearly Meeting. It was a lovely silver meat platter plus a check for \$165.00.

We do thank you for all you have done for us and we take heart to renew our dedication to the purposes for which our Lord has called us into His wonderful service.

Your friends in Christ
Dean and Kathleen Gregory

Friends Ecu-meetings

By Jack L. Willcuts



Gerald Dillon, retiring president of the Association of Evangelical Friends, discusses matters of importance with Dr. Everett L. Cattell, featured speaker at the Seventh Triennial Conference held at Haviland, Kansas, July 28 to August 1, 1965.

MORE THAN 500 Quakers gathered in Haviland, Kansas, July 28, for a five day conference to hear messages, workshop leaders and to join in fellowship and worship in the seventh triennial conference of Evangelical Friends.

"Evangelical Friends Face the Future," was the theme of the convention and the subject of Association president Gerald Dillon's opening address. Other evening speakers were Salem, Ohio, Friends Church pastor Harold Winn, who was chosen to replace Gerald Dillon as chairman of the Association of Evangelical Friends; David LeShana, pastor of Long Beach Friends Church of California Yearly Meeting; Norval Hadley of World Vision, Inc.; and missionary to Formosa, Howard Moore of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Keith Sarver, General Superintendent of California Yearly Meeting read a paper on the subject, "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Church," which was considered at length in an informal discussion period following his presentation. This pattern was followed each day as papers were given by Dr. Arthur O. Roberts, on "Renewal in the Friends Church," and by Dr. Verlin Hinshaw, "The Committed Life in the Modern World." These provide clear and challenging insights of the opportunities facing friends today. In calling for greater dedication and sacrifice Verlin Hinshaw spoke to many Friends who were worshipping for the first time in an air-conditioned new Meeting House comfortably equipped with upholstered pews in a lovely, recently completed sanctuary.

Eugene Coffin, Executive Sec. of the Board of Evangelism and Church Extension of the Friends United Meeting addressed the conference Sunday afternoon in which various ways of working more closely together were proposed including the possibility of bringing together all Friends pastors of America for a fellowship conference.

Joining the conference were 125 young people who came directly from the first Evangelical Friends Youth Conference at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The only matter of business considered by the Friends as a group was the adoption of the following resolution to be sent to Friends at large:

RESOLUTION:

At the Seventh Triennial Conference of the Association of Evangelical Friends meeting at Haviland, Kansas, July 28 - August 1, 1965, we met under a great sense of fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

We felt constrained to urge upon the various official Friends groups represented a more positive Christian witness, both in evangelism and in social ethics. Far from conceding to various theologies of unbelief and moods of despair now prevalent, we call for a more vigorous Christian theology, based on the Scriptures and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and a more forthright and loving Christian witness.

We deplore the false picture of Quakers often drawn by the public because of some service activities which go under the Quaker label. Often utopian, and unrelated to the Christian understanding of man and Christian redemption, such humanistic activities are easily exploited and manipulated by political groups.

We reject those activities and pronouncements which give rise to the charges that Quakers are Communist sympathizers. As Friends, we maintain our historic stand in opposition to war and social injustice and with other Christians reject as idolatrous all totalitarian claims of the state. At our sessions we sensed a widespread concern for spiritual renewal among Friends. We see evidences of this renewal. We urge Friends to work towards a Friends Church, evangelical in nature and world-wide in scope. We pray the Association may be an instrument of the Holy Spirit to help bring this about.

An invitation was tentatively accepted to meet again in 1968 in Indiana.

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Book Review

By Charles Ball

THE WESLEYAN BIBLE COMMENTARY, VOLUME V, ROMANS—PHILEMON, Eerdmans Publishing Co. 1965, \$8.95

The publication of the second New Testament Volume, Romans through Philemon, of The Wesleyan Bible Commentary, merits commendation for the work of editors, authors, and publishers. Its release in July (along with the fact that Vol. VI, Hebrews-Revelation, is already typeset) assures the success of a tremendous adventure in the publication of an up-to-date, standard commentary setting forth the evangelical American viewpoint.

Volume V is an attractive book of 675 two-column pages. It is well written by seven evangelical scholars who have spent many years in study, teaching, and the Christian ministry. This volume includes commentaries on all the epistles of St. Paul--the greatest theological books of the world.

Any book should be judged in the light of

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and
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OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF OREGON YEARLY MEETING WILL BE SHARING their experience and inspiration in classes, discussions, departmental meetings, inspirational hours, workshops and buzz sessions.

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the editors' and authors' objectives. The Wesleyan Bible Commentary aims "to maintain both the spiritual insight and sound Biblical scholarship of John Wesley and Adam Clarke, but to express these characteristics in the context of contemporary thought and life." While it aims "at a high level of Biblical scholarship," it proposes to be "practical rather than technical." It is written for the busy pastor, college Bible teacher or student, and the Sunday School teacher rather than a limited group of highly critical and technical students of the Bible. These volumes are appropriate for every Christian home. With these purposes in mind, the authors have accomplished their objectives, and they have not "confused obscurity of statement for profundity of thought."

The outlines and thoughtful expositions indicate a mastery of the books by the commentators. Most of these authors have provided introductions to the epistles which evidence an honesty and willingness to deal with the critical problems forthrightly and adequately. Footnotes and bibliographies will be of special interest to serious Bible students.

In conclusion, this reviewer wishes to express his appreciation to all who had a part in producing this valuable and practical volume: to Dr. Charles W. Carter, general editor, and to Dr. Ralph Earl of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, New Testament editor; to the respective authors, Dr. Wilbur T. Dayton of Asbury Theological Seminary (for Romans and Galatians), Dr. Charles W. Carter of Taylor University (for I Corinthians and Ephesians), to Dr. Clarence H. Zahniser of Houghton College (for II Corinthians), to Dr. George A. Turner of Asbury Theological Seminary (for Philippians and Colossians), to Dr. W.O. Klopfenstein of Ft. Wayne Bible College (for I and II Thessalonians), to Dr. Roy S. Nicholson of Central Wesleyan College (for the Pastoral Epistles) and to Dr. George E. Failing, editor of the Wesleyan Methodist (for Philemon); and last but not least, to Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company for a publishing job beautifully and well done.

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New York - The "Bible Gap" is widening year by year, reports the American Bible Society, which cites these figures: 60 million children are born each year, church membership increases by only 20 million, and Bible distribution lags with only 8 million entire Bibles distributed annually by Bible Societies.

Yearly Meeting, 1965

By Jack L. Willcuts

IT WAS A GOOD Yearly Meeting. This comment was agreed upon with a solemn nod, "Yes, it was."

How often this exchange has been made between Friends, no statistics tell. Just what all is meant by this evaluation of the 1965 sessions of Oregon Yearly Meeting is just as hard to measure: it meant the holy Presence was felt throughout from the opening message by Acting Superintendent, Clynton Crisman, through the "eight o'clock service," board reports, Ministry and Oversight deliberations, the inspirational meetings with guest speaker President Milo C. Ross to the business meetings, missionary, youth and evangelism rallies. It meant there was a spirit of unity—no divisions, no tensions, no maneuvering for policy changes or positions. It meant renewing friendships and making new ones. It meant a moment of memory when the names of Friends deceased were read and remembered.

It was good to learn 103 new members had come into the church by request. The Recording of four men in the ministry: Dan Nolte, David Liu, Edwin Cammack and Kwan Kyu (Pastor) Kim was completed and all were blessed to hear and see the Korean children's choir from Pastor Kim's congregation in Portland. Nicholas and Alice Maurer were presented as our newest missionary appointees to Bolivia.

Several far-reaching actions were taken in the business sessions. The constitution of

the new organization of Ohio, Kansas, Rocky Mountain and Oregon Yearly Meetings known as the Evangelical Friends Alliance was studied and approved. Many spoke enthusiastically and hopefully of a wider fellowship with other Friends through this organization and other cooperative efforts.

Serious study and general approval was also given to a Christian worker's pension plan now in operation in Ohio Yearly Meeting which others of the Evangelical Friends Alliance are invited to join.

The ministry of President Milo Ross, of George Fox College, was appropriate and well received. His grasp of both the Bible and the major issues facing the Church in the world today was grist for timely messages expressed forcefully and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The large attendance this year included many young people. A youth yearly meeting was held simultaneously with more than 100 teenagers involved; a Junior yearly meeting was also conducted. All united for the evening services which severely taxed the seating capacity of the Newberg Meeting House. Sunday afternoon and evening meetings were held in the Renne Junior High auditorium.

Dean Gregory, who, due to his heart attack, was unable to attend the sessions this year was named General Superintendent for another year, but reported this would be his last year to accept this responsibility. He expects to return to his office on a limited



Milo C. Ross, guest speaker at the 1965 Yearly Meeting sessions.

basis by September 1. A love offering amounting to more than \$200 was taken for the Gregorlys.

Roger and Mildred Minthorne who have served as treasurers of the Yearly Meeting the past 14 years declined to be named again for this task. Many expressed appreciation for their service to the church in this work.

An invitation to meet next year at Greenleaf, Idaho Friends Church was accepted.

Yearly Meeting Programs Introduced

Each department of the church is active in developing challenging plans to implement the various areas of Christian concern in church life.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education divides itself into special committees to administer the wide-range responsibilities under its supervision.

1. A Sunday School Committee reports the "ribbon attendance contest" will be continued another year with churches competing with themselves to increase each month over the same month a year ago. All Sunday

schools are urged to send in regular monthly attendance reports.

Two Christian Education Area Conferences will be held soon; in Portland, October 8 and 9, and in Idaho, November 18 and 19.

The Reach and Teach paper will be continued in cooperation with the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

2. Sunday School Literature of Friends received a big boost this year with the news that the Bible School Publication Board of Evangelical Friends which produces the George Fox series through cooperation with other holiness denominations now has Friends imprinted materials available for all ages—nursery through adult. Friends editors will preview all these products making any changes necessary to correspond with Friends doctrinal positions. A certain number of entire lessons presenting Friends missions, youth ministries, church extension, worship, peace testimonies and other distinctive beliefs will be used in the Primary, Junior and Teen-age quarterlies. The Adult Friend and Teacher's Friend, both written entirely by Friends and now published at Barclay Press in Newberg, Oregon, are also being improved each year. All these materials may now be ordered from Barclay Press, P.O. Box 232, Newberg, Oregon, 97132.

3. Ron Stansell is named to serve as the new Field Secretary for Friends Youth for the coming year, Jon Bishop is the new president of Friends Youth. Special emphasis will also be made on boys and girls clubs this year.

Camping "clinics" will be held during the year to prepare leaders and programs for the six Friends Camps now maintained in the Yearly Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

Dr. Arthur Roberts, chairman of this special committee of Oregon Yearly Meeting reported of the progress made by this group in developing closer ties with evangelically-minded Quakers across America. The objectives for further work this year are:

1. Make a study of doctrines as held by Friends pursuant to formerly approved principles of working in this area of prevalent concern.

2. To explore the polity and organizational structure of the church with the purpose of proposing specific suggestions for improvement.

3. To continue the committee's advisory function to those who go as representatives

4. To consider possible ways of encouraging and initiating inter-yearly meeting cooperative relationships.

5. To motivate inter-yearly meeting visitation, and to seek means for implementing this kind of activity.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

In a survey conducted to determine the individual church response to Yearly Meeting action that the minimum salary of a pastor be \$3600 base cash salary, housing and utilities to be provided above this amount, the following facts were discovered:

1. Nearly one-half of our churches are now meeting the minimum standard.

2. There appears to be a sincere effort by our churches to meet the minimum standard—if not immediately, at least in the near future. In the past year, at least eight churches have raised their pastor's salary in order to at least reach the minimum.

3. It does not appear that giving of churches to the United Budget has been affected adversely by raising the pastor's salary. On the contrary, in a number of instances after a raise has been granted, the finances of a church have increased by more than that amount, enabling an expansion in other areas of the work.

4. Evidently there is a high degree of correlation between allowing the pastor a somewhat adequate salary and optimism in a meeting. In some cases it seems that the faith enabling the increase in salary brought a spirit of optimism.



Charles Morgan, (on the right), president of the Board of Stewardship, talks with Jack Willcuts, president of the Board of Publication during a break in the heavy schedule of meetings.

The Board of Stewardship has planned that next year shall be one of increased educational emphasis, closer contact with and assistance to local committees. We are seriously and prayerfully exploring the possibil-

ities of a Yearly Meeting stewardship seminar at the earliest possible date.

The poster contest is being continued since the participation is becoming greater and the work is of even more excellent quality. The suggested theme of the contest this year is: Christian Service. We trust this will stress the call to the mission field, the pastorate, Christian education, and other church vocations.

BOARD OF MORAL ACTION

After studying reports received from the churches this year, the Board of Moral Action has listed specific goals as follows:

1. Since scholarships to Youth Temperance Camps proved so effective last year, we will continue to provide a limited number to camps in Idaho, Oregon and Washington next year. Youth Temperance Week Sunday will also be observed.

2. Some very meaningful and serious services were held in connection with Commitment Day last year, and we will continue to provide suitable pledge materials this year, urging especially that children and youth fortify themselves and witness to the value of total abstinence by a public commitment. (Some churches already have the materials on hand, as yet, unused.)

3. Two essay and poster contests will be sponsored, promoting both Bible reading and total abstinence.

4. Audio-visual materials for teaching biblical standards of sex morality and fulfillment will be made available to the churches.

5. We will continue to supply Friends books to the library of Western Evangelical Seminary, and to furnish our own meetings with bibliographies and information to help them increase their own holdings of Quaker books.

In addition to these specific goals, our Departments of Public Morals, Legislation and Literature will carry forward their assigned responsibilities. We urge local meeting chairmen to refer to the Handbook for suggestions if they have not already begun the year's work.

Re: Statement by Board of Moral Action, presented to Oregon Yearly Meeting, August 21, 1965.

Because of the publicity being given to the "new morality" in the press, popular magazines and books, the Board of Moral Action

wishes to point out the significance of this threat to our moral standards. The new morality should be recognized as nothing more than an attempt to justify age-old sins in the name of religion.

The new morality is being advocated by certain clergymen and church leaders who have abandoned the doctrines of God and of man as set forth in the Bible. The Ten Commandments are dismissed as irrelevant, and after reducing Jesus to the status of a mere man, His teachings are distorted to support a morality based upon what is called "responsible love" and "respect for persons." Morality thus becomes relative, situational, and permissive. As an example, engaged couples are left free to make their own decisions about premarital relationships. As a further example, clergymen who advocate the new morality have defended perversions condemned by Scripture. Further, they have denied the sacred character of marriage bonds, and thus left individuals free to enjoy marital privileges without accepting marital responsibilities. Far from contributing to the happiness and welfare of persons, the new morality leads to inevitable guilt, sorrow, and the breakdown of orderly society.

Because the commandments of Scripture insure the highest happiness and well-being not only of individual persons but of society, the Board of Moral Action recommends that all of our churches give renewed emphasis to the moral obligations outlined in Scripture. Wholesome books and study materials are readily available from Christian book and supply stores. The Board of Moral Action will have material suited for such use which may be ordered from the Yearly Meeting headquarters. We urge all of our meetings not to neglect this important teaching responsibility.

BOARD OF MISSIONS

In reviewing the decisions of the Board of Missions during the many meetings at Yearly Meeting time I believe the word "NEW" is the keyword.

NEW MISSIONARIES: God's blessing was much in evidence when Nicholas and Alice Maurer were presented in the Sunday afternoon Rally as our outgoing missionaries. They gave radiant testimonies in song and words. Clynton Crisman conducted a brief commissioning service and offered prayer. This consecrated young couple will enter language school in Costa Rica January 1, 1966, and be ready for missionary service in Peru by September, 1966.

September, 1965



Nick and Alice Maurer, newly appointed missionaries under OYM Board of Missions, compare notes with veteran missionaries Roscoe and Tina Knight, before the missionary rally.

NEW FIELD: The Board has frequently been challenged to seek a new field. While we may never complete the task in Bolivia and Peru we realize that God does not call everyone to that area. There are limitations to how far we can go, but we feel the time has come for us to do some exploring. Roscoe and Tina Knight have expressed a concern to see what might be done in Mexico, consequently, the Board has asked them to make a trip into Mexico during the month of January next. Some initial correspondence convinces us that the opportunities there are boundless. Please pray that we may be in the center of God's will in this search.

NEW BIBLE SCHOOL: Many of us have been uneasy since we were compelled to give up the Bible School on the farm a few years ago. Although we have been watching and praying about this until now we had no clear sense of direction. But just a few weeks ago a letter came to the Board from the INELA outlining a plan for a National Church directed Bible School. The mission staff would assist with teaching. This we believe is an answer to many prayers and the Board decided to approve this plan. Your prayers are still needed as this begins to take shape that it shall truly be a Bible-centered training school for the pastors and workers in Bolivia and Peru.

NEW LITERATURE PROGRAM: Ralph and Marie Chapman have recently returned after another term in Bolivia with an increasing burden to help make available more missionary literature. Ralph will live in Newberg and give full time to the creation and producing of this material.

NEW IDEA BOOK: Your church recently received two copies of the "Missionary Idea Book" which was published by the Board of Missions this past year. It is loaded with ideas for missionary publicity and promotion for Sunday School, youth groups, church services, conferences, etc. One of our board

members, Carolann Palmer, is the editor.

NEW ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIP: For the past two years Oregon Yearly Meeting has been giving assistance to Ohio Yearly Meeting towards the support of one of their missionary families, Dr. and Mrs. Ezra DeVol who are working at Kathmandu, Nepal for United Missions to Nepal. We now have a young man there, Jamie Sandoz, who is working with Dr. DeVol as Medical Technician. Since we have assumed his support we have reduced our giving to Ohio Yearly Meeting to \$500 and are now sending another \$500 for this next year to Kansas Yearly Meeting in another joint effort with the Evangelical Friends Alliance for CABCO, the new radio ministry in Africa.

BOARD OF PEACE AND SERVICE

Following a period of research and contacts, the Yearly Meeting has approved official cooperation with the Mennonite Central Committee in their Pax, TAP, and Voluntary Service Programs. This move provides opportunities for Alternate Service broader than any we currently offer.

The Board also desires to broaden the base of our peace testimony among the young people of our church; to this end all members of the Board are available for service in the monthly meetings. Local meetings are invited to contact board members in their respective areas.

To more adequately screen our Alternate Service candidates and upgrade the effectiveness of our peace testimony, the Board is encouraging area counselors to establish rapport with local draft boards in order to provide them the benefit of our counsel as it pertains to the sincerity and spiritual background of the claimant in question.

The Board will continue employing selected C.O. men in specific positions, perhaps expanding this ministry as contacts and finances allow.

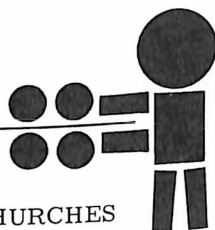
In co-operation with the N.A.E. Foreign Relief Commission, the successful food project of last year will be continued. The Board hopes that the Yearly Meeting giving to foreign relief may even exceed the ten-carload figure of last year.

Foster Care and adoption ministries will receive wider attention this year as we seek to broaden our service outreach for the Master.

In support of worthy Friendsview Manor residents, the Board has increased its contribution to the Manor to \$174.00 per month.

In the confusion of civil unrest, racial uprisings, and world tensions, the Board desires to aid Friends not only to re-affirm our scriptural position of love and brotherhood for all men, but also to see appropriate, positive actions by which to adequately bear the message of reconciliation to God through Christ.

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LISTEN! LITTLE QUAKERS

By Marie Haines

Composition Time

"BOY, WILL I be glad to get back to school." Marty thought as he hurried along. "I can hardly wait to see the other fellows. What a summer! I hope I never have another one like it."

Marty's thoughts ran back along the long summer days. They had seemed endless. Daddy was sick in the hospital. Mom had to work all day. Marty had spent the summer with Aunt Angie. She wasn't his real aunt, just an old friend of his mother's who had offered to help out by keeping Marty. Any boy would soon know that Aunt Angie had never been married or known about boys! Well, that was over.

"Hi, Marty, wait up," it was Jerry — good old Jerry! Soon, Tim and Zeb joined them. Marty was so happy he turned a somersault.

"We'll have Miss Snell this year," Jerry said joyfully. "She's the best teacher in the whole school."

"Yeah?" Zeb said. "She always makes her kids write a composition on what they done in the summer. Ed told me. I hate to write compositions."

"I don't care," Jerry laughed. "I had fun this summer. We went to the New York fair."

"We went to Yellowstone," Tim chimed in. "I can write a lot about that."

Marty began to wonder what he could write about but just then the bell rang and they hurried inside the building.

Miss Snell was pretty and she smiled a lot. First off, she started to learn their names. She made a game of this. All the "A's" stood first and then down the alphabet. Zeb was last but she knew him because of his older brother Ed. Then, she gave out some lessons.

"By Friday, I want a composition on your summer vacation." Somebody groaned.

"Now, now," Miss Snell chided. "That shouldn't be hard. Besides, I have a surprise this year. See this beautiful plaque," She held up a redwood plaque in the shape of the shield. The front had a plain bronze shield attached. "I found this in a shop in California and it was so pretty, it gave me an idea."

The class was all attention now.

"Every year, I will have engraved on this plaque the name of the one who writes the best composition about his summer vacation," she went on to say. "We will let you each read your own composition. The class will vote on the best one."

"What if we didn't do anything?" Maybelle asked.

"You surely didn't spend your summer in bed," Miss Snell smiled and the class laughed. "You don't have to leave home to write a good composition. You may have had picnics in your own back yard, worked in the bean patch, made a garden. Don't you see?"

The class nodded. Everyone began to think of something. That is all but Marty. He hadn't done one single thing he liked to remember. "Marty don't be so noisy." "Marty are your hands clean." "Marty, do close the screen door." He could still hear Aunt Angie's fretful voice.

That night, he chewed and chewed on his pencil trying to think. He couldn't tell Mom. He didn't want her to know how unhappy he had been. She had enough worries about Dad. Then, his eyes fell on the book he had just finished reading. "Mike and Bob on the Dude Ranch." If he hadn't had an exciting experience this summer, he could make one up! Busily, he wrote and wrote. This was fun!

Friday, there was an excited atmosphere in the schoolroom. One by one, the boys and girls read their compositions. They were all good. Secretly, Marty thought Tim's the best so far.

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Jamie Sandoz Writes

Dear Friends:

Today marks two very busy months since I left Oregon. It seems just like last week that I boarded the plane in Portland for Nepal. The trip was very enjoyable and in many cases spiritually enriching.

Kathmandu is not unlike many other cities of the East—yet it is unique in its own way. It is a city of brick and mud. Although there is a supply of wood about, it seems to be more valuable as fuel than as a building material. Most buildings and homes are built of a relatively poor quality brick, with mud for mortar and using wood more for structural members such as joists, rafters, and decorative pieces. Mud and cow dung are used for the floor and plastering of the walls. Roofing in the city is usually tile and thatched in the country. The homes have no chimneys, and the women cook over their wood fires or small kerosene burners (if they can afford them) right in the room.

At the present time it is the monsoon season in the East, and so we are being blessed with much rain. Everything is very green and growing like a jungle. There are many terraced rice paddies with the luxuriant green of the growing rice in the Kathmandu Valley which adds to the beauty of the scenery.

The United Mission to Nepal has many projects in this country. Nepal has been divided up into various areas by the UMN and each has a director responsible for that segment. Dr. Robert Flemming is the director for the Kathmandu area, and Dr. Ezra DeVol is the Medical Director for the United Mission Medical Center in Kathmandu—which is Shanta Bhawan. Besides Shanta Bhawan Hospital, the UMN has several other smaller hospitals in some of the hill cites, a leprosarium, a school for girls, a nurses training school,

LITTLE QUAKERS (Continued)

A bear had tried to get in their car. One night it rained and they had to move camp because a stream came through their tent.

Then, it was Marty's turn. "I call this 'Summer on a Dude Ranch'," he started. He told about the cowboys, the pony he rode, the encounter with a rattlesnake, the camp fire sings, and the swimming hole. Everyone was really listening.

(Continued next month.)

clinics in many villages, and a technical institute. I do not know how many people are working in Nepal for the UMN, but they represent 12 different countries.

The United Mission Medical Center here in Kathmandu consists of two main buildings, spoken of collectively as Shanta Bhawan Hospital. There is Shanta Bhawan with its surgical and adult medical facilities, laboratory, X-ray, large out-patient clinic, pharmacy, and personnel housing, and Surrendra Bhawan (about 150 yards north, up the road) which is a pediatrics and obstetrical hospital. It is at Surrendra Bhawan that I am living, where there is also housing for personnel . . .

I would like to thank each and every one of you who are helping support me and who are giving to the work of the United Mission to Nepal.

Yours in Christ,
Jamie Sandoz

SUPERINTENDENT (Continued)

had no concern but that everything was being cared for in a fine way. We appreciate the willingness of the Crisman family to continue in the Yearly Meeting work through most of another year, thus delaying their moving to the pastorate at Friends Memorial church in Seattle. This has also postponed Oscar and Ruth Brown's plans to leave for the mission field since they have agreed to stay on at Friends Memorial for most of this coming year. We thank them, too.

Clynton will continue as Acting Yearly Meeting superintendent as I return to the Yearly Meeting office on September 1, to care mainly for the business affairs and office management.

Our pastor, Charles Ball, has also been of great help and encouragement, along with so many others. Carolyn Hampton has filled the secretarial position in a fine way.

The past 14 years in the General Superintendency, have been the richest and most rewarding years of our ministry in many respects. My work with the pastors, missionaries, the church abroad, Friends Youth, the college and all departments of the church, have offered opportunities for Christian service sufficient to demand all my interests, ambitions, physical strength, and dedication. I have endeavored to conscientiously fulfill my appointed duties under God and the church and will endeavor to make the coming year a year of blessing. ●

The Northwest Friend

AMONG THE CHURCHES



PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

First Friends, Gerald Dillon, pastor

VBS had 118 registrations with average attendance of 102. There were 35 teachers and helpers. Marie Haines came each day to speak to the Primary and Junior Departments with many accepting Christ. ¶ The Dillons' vacationed in Indiana, Quaker Haven, Michigan, Iowa, Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park Colorado, Haviland, Kansas Evangelical Friends Conference, returning to First Friends the first week in August.

Lynwood, Charles Morgan, pastor

Nine active members and several associates were welcomed into church membership after the June 20 morning message. ¶ Howard and Bethlin Harmon attended the Tween Camp at Twin Rocks as workers this year. ¶ The Friends Youth met each Friday evening during the summer for a time of devotion and fellowship. ¶ Marlene West, Youth Ambassador, has been devoting full time to church activities this summer. ¶ A number of Lynwood young people attended the various camps at Twin Rocks during the summer. ¶ Charlene Campbell, Bill Pruitt, and Celesta Johnson, Quarterly Meeting representatives to Evangelical Friends Alliance Youth Leadership Conference, were the speakers during our evening service, July 18.

Metolius, Richard Cossel, pastor

VBS was held during June 7-11. Herschel Thornburg was the Evangelist. ¶ Youth activity nights for the summer have started which include swimming, cook-outs, movies and other social get-togethers. ¶ Twenty-eight young people attended the various camps this summer. ¶ Chuck Mylander spoke at the Sunday morning service on July 11. He spoke on his travel to Peru.

Parkrose, Herbert Sargent, pastor

Work! Work! Work! Our church has taken on a new look. A lot of painting has been done—a lot of September, 1965

tearing down and a lot of building up. We have converted our furnace from coal to oil. We have made improvements and changes throughout the entire church building. We invite you to come and visit our new place of worship. Much work is yet to be done but we at Parkrose look forward to it with great joy knowing that this is God's house we're building. ¶ The ladies WMU enjoyed an indoor family picnic on July 20. Following the picnic, we spent time working on the church. ¶ Sunday evening, August 8, we had some young people attend our service. They were members of the Augustina Lutheran Church. Following the service, we had a time of fellowship during which time they asked us questions about our church. We then asked them questions about their church. We found this to be of great interest.

Piedmont Friends, Glenn Armstrong, pastor

A decision to purchase a new Allen organ was made last May. An excellent response in funds and pledges from the congregation made installation possible within a few days. A program of dedication is being planned. ¶ DVBS was held August 2-6, with about 30 in attendance. Lucille Geyer, as missionary speaker, and Marynette Snow as evangelist were well received by the children. ¶ A number of our young people have attended camps at Twin Rocks. ¶ Remodeling and redecoration of the church basement has recently been completed.

Second Friends, Lyle Love, pastor

Our pastor held a Wedding Bells Service recently in which the rereading of the marriage vows were the highlight of the service. All married couples present were invited to come forward to the altar, stand and hold hands as they did during their original ring ceremony. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion and following the ceremony a message was given on the values of home and marriage and responsibilities of each of us concerning these. ¶ We conducted our DVBS during the evenings for five evenings of one week. There were classes for every age group. The children worked

on regular DVBS materials, and the high school youth under the leadership of Stan Perishowent out into the neighborhood and worked in the gardens and yards of some of the elderly people of the church. The adults heard speakers about the migrant ministry, retarded and emotionally disturbed children, and each evening was closed with a time of refreshments and fellowship. ¶Jon Bishop and Charlene Campbell attended the Leadership Conference and Evangelical Friends

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

Oak Park, Roger D. Smith, pastor

The month of June was a busy one, with VBS. We had an enrollment of 65. The theme was "Proclaiming Christ." ¶There were six young people who went to Tween Camp. ¶Different families are taking turns in providing spiritual inspiration and social time for the young people during the summer. ¶Jess and Diane Kennison held a week of Bible study for our young people.

Rosemere, Edwin Cammack, pastor

Three adults and three teenagers attended Twin Rocks Tween Camp, four adults and four girls attended girls camp and two of our boys attended boys camp. During these meetings many spiritual victories were won. ¶Friday nights, during the summer were set aside as a time for the young people to get together for a social and fun time. Many projects were in the offing. Barbara Baker, as youth ambassador for Rosemere this summer, has been fitting in very well. ¶July 5 was the day appointed for the SS picnic, held this year, at Laurelhurst Park in Portland. ¶The Junior FY had a picnic August 12. ¶The first week of September Rosemere will have

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

Agnew, May Wallace, pastor

Our VBS program was held on June 25 following six consecutive weeks of school with an enrollment of 61. We had five classes and 16 workers and helpers. ¶A dedication service was held on Sunday morning during the worship service on July 11, for all SS officers and teachers. ¶Our Friends Youth Clubs have been active on Friday and Saturday nights with volleyball games preceding the lessons. ¶Jim Libby was with us for the summer as Youth Ambassador working with the young people of the church.

—Mary Lynch, reporting

Everett, Calvin Hull, pastor

God is answering prayer in Everett in a remarkable way! Due to the untiring and unceasing "calling" of our godly and concerned pastors and the prayers of the church, Everett church has experienced a surge forward, increasing its attendance, deepening the spiritual life of members as well as new converts. ¶In our July monthly meeting, our membership was increased by another seven active members. In August, two families from the South Salem Church were transferred, along with others joining—making

Conference and when they returned they had a very inspirational and complete report which they presented in a Sunday evening service. ¶We were happy to have the Clark Smiths with us during the services recently on Sunday and Clark brought a very inspirational Sunday evening message. Also we were glad to have Paul Mills bring a message during one of our Sunday morning services on our Peace Testimony which was very thought provoking.

the new pews ordered some time ago. The former benches have been taken out and given to the Clark County Camp Meeting at Orchards. ¶Southwest Washington Quarterly Meeting was held the afternoon of Saturday August 7, at Vancouver 1st Friends. Rosemere had a good group of 14 or so attending.

—Eunice Coats, reporting

Vancouver, Fred Newkirk, pastor

We have been happy to have Jon Newkirk with us this summer as a Youth Ambassador. He has been working with the FY sponsors, Jerry and Gerry Sugden, and John and Donna Baxter, and they have been planning many interesting things for our young people. ¶VBS was held July 26-August 6. ¶Our pastor was given a study grant for the Quaker Study Tour. He has been gone three weeks visiting Providence, Rhode Island, the United Nations, Washington D. C., the New York area, Philadelphia and Indianapolis. In his absence messages were brought by Reuben Cogswell, Joseph Reece, and David Steiger, missionary from New Guinea. ¶We are happy to have our college students home for the summer.

—Beverly Richey, reporting

in all for the two months an addition of 12 active members and 18 associate to take their place of responsibility for the Lord for the coming year. ¶By the first of June our prayer meetings had more than tripled and our evening services more than doubled. God is good and we thank Him.

—Kathy Grimseth, reporting

Holly Park, LeRoy Neifert, pastor

A youth banquet was held for our High School graduates in the church basement. Floyd McEwen was the speaker. ¶During our pastor's vacation LeRoy Neifert's son Charles spoke and Rev. Cunningham in the morning and the youth gave a missionary play in the evening.

—M. Ethel Cowgill, reporting

McKinley Ave., Robert Fiscus, pastor.

The WMU spent their regular meeting day visiting King's Gardens in Seattle. We had our business meeting in a lovely sitting room there and had lunch in their dining room before returning to Tacoma. ¶Two carloads of people attended the Quarterly Meeting picnics at Sword Park in Seattle. ¶Pierce County

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Holiness Association Camp Meeting was held August 5-15. McKinley Ave. laid down their evening meeting to join with the camp. Reverend Geyer of Cascade College spoke at our morning service August 8. He is the camp evangelist. August 9-13 the camp and our church worked together in a VBS.

—Dorothy E. Janson, reporting

Northeast Tacoma, Fred Baker, pastor

Our DVBS was held from June 21-25. There were 104 pupils enrolled and twenty-six workers for a total enrollment of 130. This was a 50% increase over that of our school a year ago. We held the program for the Bible School Sunday morning on

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Highland Ave., Merle Green, pastor

This year Highland condensed their DVBS into a one weeks Vacation Bible School Hour. In this hour films were shown, lessons studied and refreshments were served. The attendance was good, with an average of 40. ¶Wilmer Brown, executive director of the Northwest Region of NAE, spoke to us Sunday June 13, concerning the place of the Evangelical Christian in this present age. ¶We welcomed Roscoe Knight to our service June 2. He brought the message for our morning worship hour. ¶A reception was held in the church for Ben and Ethel Griffith to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 27. ¶We appreciate the fresh coat of paint in our sanctuary.

Marion, Edward Harmon, pastor

We have the foundation in on the new addition to our church. Our Loan has been approved and we are about ready to start construction. ¶Henry Jones showed two interesting films to the church in July.

—George Wilkinson, reporting

Rosedale, Frank Haskins, pastor

Our new pastors, Frank and Lois Haskins with their children Ilene, Norman and Karen moved into the parsonage the last week in June. "We welcome them," a pound shower was given them at the family night pot luck supper, July 23. ¶A farewell pot luck supper was held honoring Harold and Hulda Beck & family. Their ministry has been a real help & blessing to us and may God bless them as they work on the mission field in Kotzebue, Alaska. ¶A number of our boys and girls attended youth camps at Twin Rocks. Our pastor was Evangelist for boys

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

Boise, Dale Field, pastor

Saturday June 26 our men painted the outside of our church building. ¶Our Sunday evening service was dismissed on June 27 in order to attend the Camp Meeting at Star and hear Owen Glassburn, the evangelist. ¶Our church has been well represented at

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June 27. ¶McKinley Avenue Friends Church met with us for both the Friends Youth and evening services on June 27. Bob Fiscus led our youth group and presented "Don Lonie Talks to Teenagers." During our evening service we presented our film of the month, which was titled, Something to Die For. There were seventy people in attendance. There was a fellowship time at the close of the film showing, with light refreshments served during which time we said "farewell" to Howard and Mary Harmon who had so very faithfully served with us during the past three years in our church. ¶Climax to another church year was reached Sunday, June 27 when sixteen people were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. ¶We won our sixth blue ribbon during the month of June. Our SS has an average of 87 for a 24% gain over that of June 1964.

camp. ¶Stan Thornburg was our youth ambassador for the summer. ¶Roscoe Knight was in charge of the service June 23. Other guest speakers were Mr. Wilson of the American Sunday School Union, and Robert Bates nephew of Floyd Bates. Also David Cammack was in charge of a prayer meeting service in July. ¶Rosedale has been holding weekly services at a local bean camp.

Reba Russell, reporting

South Salem, John Frankhauser, pastor

Our pastors enjoyed a short vacation in July. They attended some sessions of International Christian Leadership in Seattle and heard an address by Billy Graham. ¶Clynton Crisman brought news by the YM in the SS hour and spoke in the morning worship service on July 11. Edna Springer brought a message especially directed to youth in the evening that date. ¶Roscoe Knight spoke and showed pictures in a recent service. ¶The Rebekah and Marantha WMU's are planning to re-group into two unions of equal size with older and younger women in each.

—Margaret Shipman, reporting

Sprague River, Evert Tuning, pastor

The Hubert Thornburg family of Newberg took charge of our services June 20 while our pastor was on vacation. ¶Several of our youth attended Junior and Senior Camps. ¶Thelma Rose of Eugene and Christine Hankins of Bonanza helped with our VBS which was held July 26 through August 6. ¶Repairs have been made on the parsonage roof and plans are being made to reroof the church.

—Pauline Childs, reporting.

day morning service July 18. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Earl Craven were guests in our Sunday evening service on July 18. Earl is coach at GFC. He brought a special number in song. ¶ Lucile Mylander, Bertha Puckett and Viola Repp were our representatives to Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting held at Star July 31. ¶ Clynton Crisman, Acting Superintendent of OYM, brought the message on Sunday morning July 24.

Meridian, Dorwin Smith, pastor

We have had several work days and evenings this summer trying to get our building completed by mid-October when we hope to have the dedication. The carpeting and floor tile are down, most of the wood-work is finished, and some of the landscaping is done. The new pews arrived August 10. At the same time a new pulpit, hand made by Hugh McNichols, was delivered. Rain has temporarily stopped the outside painters, but that, too, is nearly done. ¶ Speakers who have filled in during our pastor's vacation absences, include Bob Ralphs, Marlin Witt, Marvin Hall, Fred Knight, and Walter Lee, who is Supt. of Rocky Mt. Yearly Meeting and with his wife, was on vacation in Star. ¶ Our Youth groups are having some interesting mid-week meetings, usually gathering at one of the homes at 6:30 for study, a lesson, singing, and refreshments. They join the adults for prayer meeting in the church at 8. ¶ Annette Beeson was one of three young people from Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting to attend the Evangelical Friends Youth convention in Colorado in July.

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

Caldwell, Nathan Pierson, pastor

Our guest speaker in the morning service July 18 was Rev. Wesley Jeffery, District Superintendent of the Free Methodist Church. He is the brother of Hazel Pierson. Since the Jeffery family was getting together for a family reunion we were happy to have him bring the message. ¶ Officers and teachers of the SS attended a workshop and supper on Thursday

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

Entiat, Edwin Clarkson, pastor

Herschel Thornburg was with us in meetings May 13-22. A banquet was held on Sat. night May 15, with Meredith Beals as mistress of ceremonies. Twenty nine young people attended. Our meetings were well attended throughout, and many victories were won. ¶ DVBS was held June 14-18 with Esther May and Gene Thomas, Spokane Friends Church as directors. ¶ The pastors went to Nebraska June 8 for the funeral of his brother. ¶ The young people enjoyed a time of fun and pot-luck dinner at the home of Bob Petersen, on Lake Chelan Sunday July 25. There were 22 youth in attendance, the pastor brought the devotions. ¶ Only three of our young people were able to attend camp at Twin Lakes, we are glad to report many victories, under the ministry of Roscoe

Star, Willard Kennon, pastor

Approximately 35 young people and sponsors have attended camps at Quaker Hill. We are looking forward to a good number attending Family Camp over Labor Day weekend. ¶ Dave Wilhite, along with 30 other young people from the Yearly Meeting, attended the Friends Youth Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs. He gave an excellent report Sunday, August 15, when the young people had the evening service. Dave also attended the Youth For Christ International Convention at Winona Lake, Ind. He was a member of the Boise Valley quiz team. ¶ Our pastor attended the Institute on Family Relations while the rest of the family vacationed in California. During his absence local people have been in charge of the services. Those helping out have been the Rev's. Marvin Hall, Don Wilson, Marlin Witt, and Ray James, also the Cliff Ralphs family. ¶ The WMU sponsored an all-church picnic as their August meeting. ¶ Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting was held at our church July 30-31 and August 1. Bob Ralphs, Quarterly Meeting Superintendent who is resuming pastoral work, spoke to the Ministry and Oversight. Ed Baker, pastor of Meadows Valley, was Saturday speaker. Whitney won the attendance trophy at the Youth Rally. Election of new officers and the use of the three Youth Ambassadors were program features. ¶ The ball teams under the direction of Dee and Joyce Coutler are making good progress. We are happy for the good turnout. ¶ Plans are moving ahead on our building program. A special monthly meeting will be held in the near future to make final decisions.

—Mary Couzens, reporting.

evening, July 22 in the Fellowship Hall. The new year began with this social-supper-dedication service, combining our effort for a bigger and better SS. ¶ Quarterly Meeting was held in Ontario August 5-8, with Marvin Hall bringing the message on Thursday evening at the Ministry and Oversight meeting. Dale Field, pastor of First Friends, Boise, brought the message at the Saturday morning services.

—Rosella Moon, reporting.

Knight. We were also blessed by having Kent Thornburg as our music director. ¶ One of our group, Carol Noon, was chosen to attend the leadership conference in Colorado. She returned home August 5th. ¶ We dismissed our evening service May 30 for the high school baccalaureate. Edwin Clarkson was the speaker. ¶ Eleven attended the Quarterly Meeting Sessions at Hayden Lake August 6, 7.

Hayden Lake, Wayne Piersall, pastor

Willa Piersall, who had major surgery June 17 followed by three weeks of hospitalization is now recovering quite well. ¶ Kent Thornburg, a student at GFC, has been our Youth Ambassador. ¶ Men from Spokane and Hayden Lake have been working at the Twin Lake camp site pouring cement for dining hall

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in the future, moving the kitchen and putting in a water line. The women went up for a work day July 15 getting ready for camp which was July 19-24. ¶ Roscoe Knight gave the evening message when he and Tina were here July 18.

—Connie Cuff, reporting

Spokane, Clare Willcuts, pastor

Our pastor, Clare Willcuts, was among the group from Oregon Yearly Meeting to attend the AEF in Haviland, Kansas the latter part of July returning for Monthly Meeting August 4. The Sunday he was absent from us we had Lowell Wood, director of Spokane Youth For Christ, as morning speaker and Wayne Piersall, pastor of Hayden Lake for evening speaker. ¶ There were 13 young people from our church who attended youth camp. ¶ August 7 was Inland Quarterly Meeting at Hayden Lake. We of Spokane appreciated it being close enough that a good number of our groups were able to attend at least one of all sessions. We counted 25 in attendance. ¶ Congratulations to our SS Superintendent, Mildred Brown who won for herself and her husband, Louis, a trip to the New York Worlds Fair. They left August 2 and plan to visit relatives on their return trip ¶ August 8 we had as guest speaker in both the Adult Bible Class and evening worship, Doctor Bethal Fleming of Kathmandu, Nepal. It was a very inspirational and interesting time. We pray the door may be opened further so they may witness more to those in Nepal. ¶ The Adult Bible Class held a picnic and faggot service at Twin Lake Friends Camp with Hayden Lake as guests.

—Irene Crosby, reporting

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

Newberg, Charles Ball, pastor

VBS was held August 2-6. Average attendance was 66 and total enrollment was 92. Gertrude Ankeny was superintendent. Bob Fiscus was chapel speaker each day. ¶ The SS Picnic was held on August 6 at Memorial Park. ¶ Our pastor brought a series of Sunday evening messages from Little Books of the Bible. ¶ A joint prayer meeting and farewell for the Gene Comfort family was held on July 14, before they left for Bolivia. ¶ Reports of Friends Youth Leadership Conference in Colorado, and Triennial Conference of Evangelical Friends were given at the Sunday evening service on August by some of those who attended. ¶ Newberg Quarterly Meeting met at our church on August 6, 7, and 8. Dillon Mills brought the Saturday morning message. ¶ A special WMU meeting of all four unions was held at Friendsview Manor on June 22. Tina Knight was the speaker.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

Cherry Grove, William J. Murphy, pastor

Sunday, June 21, Chuck Mylander, Friends Youth Field Secretary, spoke in morning worship service, and showed films of his recent trip to the mission fields of Bolivia and Peru. ¶ The various camps

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have been well represented from Cherry Grove, with four young people attending Tween Camp. Seven boys attended Boys' Camp, and two girls attended Girls' Camp. ¶ The small room off the foyer is currently being made into a crying room, with new paneling and paint. ¶ Mr. William Murphy, from Seattle Memorial, has accepted a call to be our new pastor. Lloyd and Beverly Melhorn and Gary will move to Camas, where Mr. Melhorn has accepted the position of Minister of Youth Activities. We wish them much success in their new work, and will miss them here.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

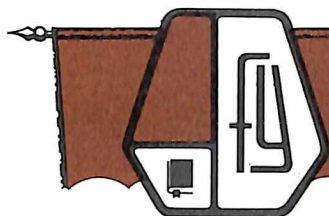
DRAHN-FITZSIMMONS—Kurt Drahn and Margaret Fitzsimmons were united in marriage at Portland First Friends on June 26.
BENHAM-BOLGER—Richard Benham and Mikell Bolger were united in marriage at Portland First Friends on June 18.
RICHEY-HOUGHAM—Keith Richey and Linda Hougham were married June 26 at the Cedarwood Outdoor Chapel, Portland, with Lyle Love officiating.
MACY-FISHER—Ed Macy and Elaine Fisher were married at the First United Presbyterian Church in Corvallis on June 12.
COLEMAN-WILHITE—John Coleman and Donna Wilhite were married at Newberg Friends Church on June 19, with Charles Ball officiating.
LINHART-SCHMOE—James Linhart and Garyanna Schmoie were married July 17 at First Methodist Church, Newberg, with Cyril Dorsett and Milo Ross officiating.
GEORGE-CHURCH—Leetus George and Mary Church were married at First Church of the Nazarene, Fairbanks, Alaska, on July 25.
PUGSLEY-DILLON—Loren F. Pugsley and Estele Marlene Dillon were united in marriage, at Caldwell First Friends on August 13, with Nathan Pierson officiating.
WILLIAMS-McFALL—Kenneth M. Williams and Myrna McFall were united in marriage at the Newberg Church of the Nazarene on August 14, with Rev. Don Fivecoat officiating.

BIRTHS

SCHMELTZER—To Mr. and Mrs. Conrad C. Schmelzer of Sherwood, a daughter, Chrystal Joy, born July 22.
WINTERS—To Mr. and Mrs. Corroll Winters of Caldwell, a daughter, Catherine Eileen, born August 11.
BENHAM—To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Benham of West Chehalem, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born August 19.

DEATHS

PETERSEN—Don Petersen passed away June 28, in a logging accident at Entiat.
NICCOLS—Elmer Niccols passed away June 22 at a Nampa Hospital.
GUSTAFSON—Susan A. Gustafson passed away July 31. She was a pioneer resident of Everett, Washington, and a member of the Friends church for many years.



"More Than Conquerors"

NEWS OF OYM FRIENDS YOUTH

FY Leadership Conference

Over 100 selected high schoolers joined together for a life-shaking three and a half days at Quaker Ridge Camp. What resulted was probably the most devastating exam of their own Christian life they had ever experienced.

Young people of Oregon Yearly Meeting can be proud that 30 teens from the Northwest shared in the Spirit's blessing at Quaker Ridge. Let's pray for them as many return to local and Quarterly Meeting Friends Youth work.

Many hours, even years, of planning and prayer prepared the way for the three and one half day climax. The Leadership Conference itself was sponsored by the Youth Commission of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

Each day the delegates faced several hours of intensive classes. But the concentrated material was so relevant, so interesting, that some of the kids were asking for more.

Only God knows the potential of the lives revolutionized at the Leadership Conference. Only God knows how much spiritual fruit will result. Only God knows whether or not the Leadership Conference was a dress rehearsal for revival.

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WELL, SUMMER camps, the Colorado leadership conference, yearly meeting, and all the special youth activities that make up a summer are memories now, and as OYM Friends Youth face a new school year, we are easily tempted to wonder, "Well, I wonder how long it'll all last?"

Devotional Corner

By Barbara Baker

Maybe you've just lived your Christian life on the impetus of these mountain-top experiences—but if you face yourself squarely before God, you

must admit that grassroot Christian living is only maintained by your personal relationship with Christ.

How about it? Look briefly at the past, at times when you professed to know Christ but in reality possessed no power. Perhaps bitter tears flow as you realize that you gave a distorted reflection of Christ, thus bringing reproach to His Name and disgusting unsaved buddies by your witness. Put this under the forgiving blood of Christ on your heart's throne.

Again, be honest as you look at your relationship with Christ this very minute. Just as Solomon said that "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out," so fuel is required in the consecrated life, fuel that will keep our lives pure and shining. And any part of self, any sin, will in a drenching flood quench this fire and sever our relationship with Christ. Search your complete life, that there may be nothing between, nothing lacking.

Finally, the future with all its awesome potential must be faced with nothing but all-encompassing trust, for to fear, doubt, or worry is only to be self-indulgent and faithless. And though you can honestly say "My all is on the altar" right now, don't think you will ever have cause to be self-righteous over this; for if you let Him, the Holy Spirit will constantly remake and re-mold you according to His perfect plan.

So with a firm look at the past, present, and future, step out into this next year boldly, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it . . ."