

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12

CAN WE DO LESS?

The young Communists of Russia, for the sake of the part they want to play in changing the world, have pledged themselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Can young Christians who pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done!" do less?

—Christian Witness

GREY'S MILLS SOCIETY

We are glad to be able to report victory through the blood of Jesus. We still hold our meetings on Sunday evening. Some of the older people come, and we have times of real blessing. During our revival meetings one young man found the Lord, and he is proving a blessing to our meetings. I believe we all received a spiritual uplift at that time. With the Lord's help we want to live so close to Him that our lives will tell for Him.

Yours to do His will.

FAITH BRADLEY, Secretary.

SUGGESTIVE TOPICS FOR USE IN SOCIETY MEETINGS

1. Holiness and usefulness.
2. Purity and maturity.
3. The Life of Christ.
4. Faith and Works.
5. Spirit of Christ and of Antichrist.

Help for the study of this last topic may be found in a Tract, "The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error". Price per dozen, 20c. postpaid. Address, The Christian Fundamentals League (Inc.), 313 Columbia Building, 313 W. Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

CHAS. D. SANDERS

SAINT JOHN SOCIETY

We had our annual business meeting on Sept. 7th, when some new plans were discussed, and officers elected for the coming year. Since then we have held our meetings on Thursday evening. Our meetings are not programmed, but are carried on in regular Prayer-meeting style. Our saved young people take turns leading the services, and at the close of each service a short time is spent in Bible study, in the form of questions and answers. The questions, usually six at a time, are given out a week in advance, and then the answers read and discussed. Our meetings are all good times of refreshing in the Lord. Let us as young people be much in prayer.

Yours in His service,

LAURA PARKS, Secretary.

"WHERE THEY LEAD ME I FOLLOW"

A bright-faced young woman sat smoking a cigarette in the lobby of a hotel. Presently an elderly woman with kindly words asked the girl, who sat next to her, "Why do you smoke?" Her face was so kind and her personality so charming that the girl could not become offended. "To be perfectly frank with you," said the girl, "I smoke because it is now a habit. I began it at college. All the other girls smoked, and I did it because they did". The girl had never thought of that old song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," but, all unconsciously, she was singing, "Where THEY Lead Me I will Follow."

How easy it is to follow the crowd. Heedlessly, thoughtlessly thousands just follow the crowd. Nor is it confined to young people. Hundreds of women will tell you frankly that they play bridge because "all the other women play."

This of course is not true, for it is a libel on many good women. But women will tell you that.

Multiplied thousands of people, young and old, are going the downward road to ruin, not because they really wish to, but because, as they say, "everybody else is going that way." Individuality and courage are needed today if the Christian life is to be lived.—Selected.

LORD, MAKE ME CAREFUL

By Edith M. Bennett

Lord, make me careful in my walk,
Where ever I may go
Let me but follow Christ my Lord,
Through all the way below.

Lord, make me careful in my speech,
Control these lips of mine,
So that in this I may exalt
That precious Name of Thine.

Lord, make me careful in my thoughts,
Not proud nor haughty be,
But fill my heart with thoughts of Christ,
And His humility.

Lord, make me careful every day,
My aim, like Thee to grow;
No earthly praise or wealth or fame
To seek, desire or know.

RISE AGAIN

By A. T. Rowe.

Are you down? Have you tried and failed? Have you counted yourself out? Simply because you failed once or twice, or oftener, have you decided that you will never try again? If you have settled it in this way beyond recall, you are indeed in a pitiable condition.

As long as men or devils can persuade us that we are down and that there is no use trying to get up, just so long are we in a critical position. But from the very moment that we decide to arise, we assume the mastery, and there is not enough power in men or devils to keep us down. Let us take this view of life rather than the one that we are "down and out".

There is always one consolation, even in utter failure to a man of spirit, and that is that such failure is only temporary. The lower such a man is thrown into failure the higher he may aspire to climb. And the longer one trains and prepares, the mightier is one's strength. Young people, are you down? Have you made mistakes, failures? Has discouragement come your way? No matter what your failures have been, do not under any circumstances permit anyone to count you "out". Rise again over the dead past, with your mistakes as the ladder-rounds upon which you climb to a higher goal.

Honest effort is eternal. At the very moment you feel tempted to quit—do not do it. For that is the point at which you should determinedly decide to begin again. A great spirit never can be beaten. Many an iron soul has been broken, only to be molded anew into something greater and stronger than before.

Suppose you are "kicked down". Smile, then rise again.

I do not favor the sentiment that the bird with the broken wing never soared as high again. This would seem to say that the one who had fallen or failed would never rise as high as the place from which he had fallen. What about the apostle Peter? He fell. He rose again, and to greater heights than he had ever before attained,

even to the place where he gave his life for the cause of the Master he once denied.

What about the men who worked hard to accumulate a competence and lost it all? Many of them began again without a dollar and made good, reaching greater heights than before.

What about the little spider? Destroy its entire web, and in a little while you will find it replaced. Repeat the operation a half dozen times, and the spider will rebuild.

You people, there is no excuse for not rising after all. Let us set our faces to conquer, and even though we fail in the effort, try again and again—perhaps not always in the same way, but profiting by the mistakes we have made, let us start again to climb.

God will help you. Circumstances are on your side if you will try. The world of religion and commerce is calling for men and women who will get up if they fall, and who will not permit themselves to be counted out of life's game.

If we have failed or fallen, let us rise again.

Selected from "Ideals For Earnest Youth".

AN INVENTORY

In a few days we will have finished all the work of the old year—or as much of it as we will ever do—and stand face to face with the work of another twelve months. One man has said, "It is not how long we live, but how much we live that counts". Here are a few considerations which I believe will go far toward making the New Year a success.

It is profitable to review the past. What has 1934 meant to us? What have we done with our privileges, opportunities, and choices? Have we learned any lessons? Are we better able to meet life's problems and carry life's loads? In short, does the measure of success of the past warrant our going into the New Year pursuing the same course and striving toward the same goal? If not, 1934 has to that extent been a failure. There should be a readjustment; a changing of purposes, a resetting of standards, and a purifying of motives, if 1935 is to be a success.

Then there should be a looking within. Every business man takes stock to find out what goods he has on hand, and balances his books to determine whether or not he has made a profit. We too must take stock. Do the books of our soul balance? Is everything settled between us and God? Between us and our fellow men? Do we owe any little debts of apology or restitution? Do we owe God repentance for failures and neglects? Not only do they balance, but do they show a profit? Do we have that perfect soul rest and assurance which is the reward of faithfulness?

Then there is need of looking to both the quality and the quantity of the goods we have on hand. A review of our desires, motives, habits, purposes, ambitions and attractions would probably reveal some as being unnecessary, some as unprofitable, and some as useless. We have no room for anything but the best. In our search we might also discover a lack of some of those very necessary qualities, such as "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Against such there is no law". In fact the law that Jesus gave us requires an ever increasing supply of these. But be assured that "There's a plenty, a plenty, in Father's house above".

Then there should be a looking ahead into the New Year. After the past has all been accounted for, and the inner man supplied; after we have forgotten "those things which are be-