

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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Dear Highway Young People:

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, not with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.—Dan. 1:8.

This is the text used by our Evangelist, Rev. W. E. Smith, at a Young People's service held Friday evening during revival services. Daniel and three captives taken from their homeland, Jerusalem, into a land of wickedness like the land of Babylon, the temptation that comes to all Young People, refuses to eat of the king's portion of meat, asks for a very simple food, pulse to eat and water to drink for ten days, with the result countenance fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which ate of the king's portion.

God was with Daniel in everything which he did. God made it to prosper, but Daniel with all his work found time to pray three times a day with his window opened toward Jerusalem. Some princes could not find fault with Daniel's work so a plot was laid to catch him in his religion, the plot was laid before the king and signed, with the result Daniel put into a lion's den. The king came with haste the next morning saying, "O, Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God whom thou servest continually able to deliver thee from and lions?" with Daniel's answer, "God sent angels to shut the lion's mouth."

At the close of his talk, asked all the Young People to come, stand around the front singing "Faith of Our Fathers." Thirty-two came forward, followed by a prayer and all taking part in the testimony, with the older folks after.

This was certainly a great boost to our faith, giving us a firmer determination to follow Jesus our Lord and Saviour to the end.

Thus we feel encouraged to press on.

MARYELLEN MacCALLUM,

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### RULES FOR YOUNG CONVERTS

By M. McBrien

When the writer became a Christian fifteen years ago, although not included among those whom we term Young People, she would have found the following rules both helpful and edifying had she known them. They are intended for all "Babes in Christ," and if followed carefully they can be a help to keep yourselves in the love of God. All who love souls and desire to see them grow spiritually, have been grieved at times to see promising young converts, after the first excitement of their experience is over, became discouraged, listless, and half hearted, and then some day we miss them and find that they have backslidden. We might say that this is scriptural, that they were seed sown on rocky ground, but I am convinced that a little instruction might help them, and it is for this purpose that this article is written.

FIRST: Take a definite stand for God as soon as you know that your sins are forgiven. Step over from your old life into your new, and let your parents and friends know that you mean to serve God. This may seem hard but it pays, and stops the impulse to "dilly

dally." Leave off old friendships among the unsaved and make friends of God's children.

SECOND: Learn to pray; not necessarily in the phrases you hear others use, but learn to talk to Jesus; learn to tell your Heavenly Father about your needs, your joys, your hopes and aims. Take Jesus into the intimate things of your life. He is your friend as well as your personal Saviour. Have a place and appointed time to pray, and never let anything hinder you in keeping your appointments with Him.

THIRD: Read your Bible daily. Have a stated time set aside for this and try to get alone, away from things that will take your mind from what God wants to tell you through His word. Do not be in a hurry, and do not read too much at a time. A few verses read prayerfully and understood will help you more than the same number of chapters carelessly gone over. Ask God to help you understand as you read. The Bible is a Spiritual Book and is spiritually discerned.

FOURTH: The Christian life is a walk of faith. Sometimes after a series of good services things will lag, the meetings will seem different, you know you are still saved but you do not feel as joyful and full of zeal as before, and you will wonder what is wrong. Nothing is wrong. God is giving you your first lesson in faith. There is blessing and joy all along the Christian's life, but God must teach us to depend upon Him and not on our feelings. Feelings are not to be depended upon, but God is. Search your heart, trust in God, keep right on, and leave the feelings to Him. Do not let your feelings be your spiritual thermometer.

FIFTH: There may be a time when by some word or act you will grieve God, never for a moment meaning to. This will bring a feeling of darkness or heaviness over you, but God has arranged for this. He knows how frail we are. Jesus is our advocate. Send a prayer right up to Him and tell Him how sorry you are. He knows your heart and will re-instate you through His precious blood. Do not wait for a meeting or for your pastor to notice that something is wrong. Do not become a backslider; they are the most miserable people on earth.

SIXTH: Be useful to God. Get busy and you will be happy. Do not be afraid of responsibility. We are saved to serve. Testify, pray, teach, visit, take an office if given.

SEVENTH: Attend every service possible. Be a man, woman or child your pastor can depend upon. Be a lifter, and a blessing to your Church. Do not criticize your pastor; boost him, pray for him, believe in him.

Do all these and there will be few joyless days in your experience. God will honor you, and you will be an asset to your Church and community.

### WOODSTOCK SOCIETY

A number of young people met at the parsonage on the evening of Feb. 24th for the purpose of reorganizing the Young People's Society. Our Pastor, Rev. L. T. Sabine, called the meeting to order. Miss Flora Brown gave an outline of the purposes of the former Society. The meeting then elected the following officers: President, Ralph Sabine; Secretary,

Miss Ruth Wort; Treasurer, Miss Eileen Campbell; Pianist, Mrs. Rilla Thornton. Since that time we have been holding our services on Friday evenings. These are times of real blessing and help. The President appoints someone each week to take the devotional part of the meeting. We also have readings, specials in song and helpful addresses. We are looking forward to great success in our work and are praying that we may be the means of winning many precious souls for Him.

RUTH WORT, Secy.

### DISTRICT NO. 2 CONVENTION

The Young People's Convention of District No. 2 was held at St. John March 15th. The "Never Lose Its Power." Prayer was offered by Luella Hayes, of Millstream, and Mary Cosman, of Grey's Mills. The minutes of the last Convention were read and approved. Delegates were as follows: Amherst, Miriam Sanders; Grey's Mills, Mary Cosman; Millstream, Luella Hayes; St. John, Laura Parks. The address of welcome was given by DeVerne Mullin. Very encouraging reports from the different societies were heard which showed a spiritual growth. Sister Miriam Sanders brought us a very inspiring message from II. Timothy 2:31. A short testimony meeting followed. Meeting closed with singing "Happy Day," and prayer by DeVerne Mullin.

LAURA PARKS, Secy.

### THE BOOK—AND OTHERS

No one but a rank infidel would dare to deny the fact that the Bible is the greatest book that the world has ever known. Many have been the attempts to give expression to its beauty and its worth, but all these are eclipsed by some of its own simple passages. One has said, "The Bible is a rock of diamonds, a chain of pearls, the sword of the Spirit; a chart by which the Christian sails to eternity; the map by which he daily walks; the sundial by which he sets his life; the balance in which he weighs his actions." But how much more meaningful are its own words: "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall never pass away." The Bible is its own recommendation.

On the other hand, no one but a bigot or a fool would say that the Bible should be our only source of information or help. While there are thousands of bad books written, and equally as many questionable books, there are still thousands which are indispensable to the welfare of Christians. We cramp ourselves by not reading good books. Some of us are trying to make our young people realize this, and trying to help them through the channels of our Lending Library. But we need your co-operation. Perhaps some think that there is the danger of our being too liberal in our selection of books. Let me say that we have a staff who can be trusted to guard that vulnerable spot. Moreover, your suggestions or criticisms are welcomed by the staff. But whether you agree with the project at the start or not, give it a fair trial, and help us to make it a success. We solicit suggestions. We are open to criticism. We ask for a chance. We dare to say that the project is worthy of all the efforts available. Send us some more