

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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MEMORY VERSES DEC. 1-31

16. Heb. 6:1.
17. I. John 3:2.
18. 2 Peter 3:10.
19. Jude 14.
20. Jude 15.
21. 1 Thess. 4:16.
22. I Thess. 4:17.
23. James 5:8.
24. Rev. 3:11.
25. Rev. 3:21.
26. Eph. 3:20-21.
27. John 14:1-2.
28. John 14:3.
29. 1 Tim. 6:12.
30. Col. 3:1.
31. Col. 3:12.
31. Rev. 22:20-21.

This is the last group of this series of Scripture verses. You will observe that having two verses for some days, brings the total for the three months to one hundred. These are of the choicest portions of the Word and are sure to bring eternal enrichment to the heart in which they are hidden. Study the verses thoroughly, and review carefully.

A SOLILOQUY

By Marie Antoinette Scoville

Here I lie upon my bed,
Sometimes wishing I were dead.
And then a thought comes to my mind,
Perhaps some good from here I'll find.

For He who orders all my days,
And is acquainted with my ways:
I'm sure will bless me in this spot
Which seems to be my humble lot.

That I in prayer, and faith may be
A help to all who come to me.
And those who for my need doth care,
May feel God's blessing everywhere.
For those afar in distant lands,
My prayers may help hold up their hands.
So even here, I'll trust and see
Just what my God can do for me.

So cheer to you, no matter where,
That know the peace God's love doth
share;
Your lot I know would harder be
Had not thy God been good to Thee.

Written when confined to my room in quiet, because of heart weakness. "Wishing to depart and be with Christ which is better."

The Christian school teacher should give his scholars both a teaching of religious knowledge and a religious teaching of knowledge.

J. R. Miller says: "The closets of God's people are where the roots of the Church grew. If the roots be not nourished there can be no tree with branches and fruit. In many senses the root is the most important part. Men do not see it. Yet, in the dark it works away and in its secret laboratory it prepares the life which goes up into the tree bringing forth flowers and fruit of many colors, shapes and flowers. All this is woven down in this lowly earth factory."—Selected.

"CAN DO"

One of our popular writers told us a little while ago that one of the most common phrases among the Chinese servants is, "Can do." When they are asked to perform a difficult piece of work, or it is suggested to them that they try it, their answer almost always is, "Can do."

It is needless to say that those words express the opposite of "Can't do." It may not be out of order for us to inquire of ourselves which of the two we use the more frequently. Or should I ask which we would use oftener if we felt free to do so. We dare not tell those for whom we labor, at least not too frequently, that it cannot be expected that we perform the tasks that are assigned us. This negative attitude of mind is a dangerous one for us to cultivate.

To assume that we consider ourselves able to tackle successfully the portion of labor that falls to our lot is not implying that we are conceited, or that we have too high an opinion of ourselves. On the contrary it is the right attitude for us to take. It does us good to extend ourselves, to push ourselves to the limit, at least on occasions. There is sure to follow such an effort a feeling of satisfaction. But the best result of such a view is its ability to keep us from descending to the level where we are content with doing as little as possible. An unworthy self-opinion is one of our worst foes. More than that it may be far removed from indifference, if not laziness.—Lutheran Young People.

"THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS"

Let us be reminded that there have been great conquerors in the past who succeeded in overwhelming all opposition, and who for a time appeared to have the world in their grasp, yet they passed away and once again the rational liberties of mankind came into power. Alexander the Great for a few years seemed to be invincible, yet he died of debauchery at the height of his power and his kingdom fell apart. Julius Caesar, who captured eight hundred cities and caused a million deaths was stabbed to death by a friend, and Napoleon, with eight million deaths to account for in his great campaigns came to the end of his career in a little more than twenty years and died in exile.

"Never be discouraged because good things get on so slowly here, and never fail to do daily that good which lies next to your hand," says George MacDonald, who continues, "Do not be in a hurry but be diligent. Enter into the sublime patience of the Lord. Be charitable in view of it. God can afford to wait; why cannot we, since we have Him to fall back upon? Let patience have her perfect work, and bring forth her celestial fruits. Trust God to weave in your little thread into the great web, though the pattern shows it not yet."

In such a time as this, when the faith of all people who have faith in God is being severely tested we have great need of what the Bible calls "the patience of the saints," that long vision that sees clearly where truth lies and holds to its course in the face of overwhelming opposition. "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again, the eternal years of God are hers; but error wounded writhes in pain and dies amid her worshippers."—Selected.

Wrong is falsehood put into practice.—Landor.

THE MOVIE POLL

In a recent poll on attendance at movies taken by the Pathfinder it was discovered that the greatest movie-goers are the people of the cities, where forty-one per cent are addicts and fifty-two per cent go at least several times yearly. Regular attendance was discovered to be less frequent in the smaller towns. It was found that only fifteen per cent of the people in the rural areas were habitual in attendance. The composite picture for all kinds of population showed that twenty-seven per cent of the people attend once a week or oftener; sixty per cent several times or more yearly.

It would be interesting to have a national poll on the use of the cigarette. No doubt it would be found that men and boys are as badly nicotine-ridden as movie-ridden. And the showing of the per cent of cigarette-users among girls and women would be a sickening picture.

Add to the movies and the cigarette the liquor traffic and habit, and you have the ideal background for the promotion of personal and society degeneracy and crime.

But the Pathfinder poll indicates that twelve per cent of the people of America never attend the movies. If so large a per cent never smoke and so many never use liquor, and these good, total abstinences are in the same people (which is to a very considerable extent true), then some parents are still defending their homes and their children from moral and physical menace. Regardless of all matters of religion, the children who come from homes where there is no support of the movie or tobacco or liquor have a better chance in life by far, other things being equal, than the youth of the movie, tobacco, liquor-ridden family.—Selected.

OUR REASONABLE SERVICE

The life of holiness is often misunderstood by the critical world. They imagine the sanctified man professes absolute perfection. This is not the case. Being human, he has certain mental and physical infirmities and certain peculiarities incident to his race and environment. Spiritual culture corrects many of these in a measure. But holiness does remove the sinful nature that is contrary to God and the divine likeness. It so changes the motives the desires, the will and the affections that they are directed to please the Lord. In other words the heart is so cleansed that it becomes natural to love the Lord with all the heart, mind, soul and strength, and one's neighbour as himself.

This transformation is not the result of human effort, but is the operation of the grace of God. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." When one asked Mr. Wesley to point out to them one holy man, he replied, "If I knew one I would not tell you, for like Herod, you would seek the young child's life to destroy it." Nevertheless, God who knoweth the hearts of men, beholdeth a great company who are walking before Him in righteousness and true holiness. Some day they will stand before Him with white robes and palms in their hands. This may be the privilege of all men who will.—Canadian Free Methodist.

If we are faithful, God will look out for our success.