

## THE WISEMAN SAYS:

He who receives a benefit with gratitude, repays the first instalment on his debt.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## A FLOWER FOR MOTHER

Her grace and patience through a lifetime prove,  
That she's a friend, the noblest and the best.

## EDITORIAL

## HOME, THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

Next to the benefactions derived from the almighty grace of God, is the heritage bequeathed by a godly mother. Who can estimate the amount of a mother's influence, for truly it extends from the cradle to the grave. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, America's prince of preachers, once said: "A boy may go seventy years in one direction from home, but he never will get away from under the influence of a Christian mother."

History abounds with many noble characters who, in summing up the influences which led to their greatness, attributed much to their mothers. St. Augustine, the early church father, confesses that the prayers of his saintly mother, Monica, brought him to Christ. John Wesley in his journal speaks often of the powerful influence his mother exerted in shaping his destiny. Abraham Lincoln said: "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Though the statement is trite, there is much truth in the old saying, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation." That declaration could be proven true if a nation full of mothers would unite in contesting the evils of a modern world. But alas, old-fashioned mothers are becoming all too few.

War conditions have dealt a serious blow to the sacred traditions of the Christian "hearth and home." Beverly Baxter, British M. P. and noted columnist, in speaking of conditions in England, is the authority for this statement: "The family as an institution has practically ceased to exist." The trend in America is indicated by the following incident: In a large city of the U. S., the police rounded up a young girl who was found late at night in a place of questionable reputation. A call was put through to the girl's home, where the father answered the phone. On being asked if he wouldn't come after his girl, he replied: "Why don't you mind your business!" The police officer, slightly taken aback, then asked to speak to the mother, who in reply to his question declared: "Oh, I'm so busy with my war work that I don't have time to look after my children." A tragic commentary on modern motherhood.

The institution of home and family, which is built around mother, is the backbone of our nation, and is the guarantor of all that's good and peaceable. God give us more old-fashioned mothers and Christian homes.

## DANIEL'S BACKBONE

A speaker recalled an incident of Spurgeon's concerning a class of boys who were having a scripture lesson on Daniel. One of the boys was asked to read some verses aloud, and presently he came to verse 3 in chapter 6, which reads "... because an excellent spirit was in him." But by mistake the boy rendered it "... because an excellent spine was in him." It was undoubtedly bad reading, but it was excellent theology, for Daniel was a man of real "backbone," strong, courageous.—New Century Leader.

## MOTHER'S PRAYER

I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn words of my good mother. It was the custom on Sunday evenings while we were yet little children for her to stay at home with us, and then we sat around the table and read verse after verse and she explained the Scriptures to us. After that was done there came a time of pleading and the question was asked how long it would be before we should think about our state, how long before we would seek the Lord.

Then came a mother's prayer, and some of the words of our mother's prayer we shall never forget even when our hair is gray.—Spurgeon.

## THE BIBLE

A noted orator asked Dickens for the most pathetic story in literature, and he said it was that of the Prodigal Son. Mr. Coleridge was asked for the richest passage in literature, and he said it was the first sixteen verses of the fifth chapter in Matthew. Another asked Daniel Webster for the greatest legal digest, and he replied that it was the Sermon on the Mount. No one has equalled Moses for law, nor David for poetry, nor Isaiah for vision, nor Jesus for ethics, nor Peter for holy zeal, nor Apollos for oratory, nor Paul for logic, nor John's statement of sanctified love. What a ridiculous statement that to study the Bible, "Makes a step backward in education!" God's Word is the very greatest of all the books, and its Author the very greatest of all teachers. We do well to stay close to its pages. It is THE BOOK.—Selected.

## A FEW HOLDS

Hold on to your hand when you are about to do an unkind act.

Hold on to your tongue when you are just about ready to speak harshly.

Hold on to your heart when evil persons invite you to join their ranks.

Hold on to your foot when you are about to forsake the path of right.

Hold on to your temper when you are excited or angry, or others are angry with you.

Hold on to the truth, for it will serve you well, and do you good throughout eternity.

Hold on to your virtue—it is above all price to you in times and places.

Hold on to your character, for it is and ever will be your best wealth.—Our Youth.

## WORDS

Where did they go,

Those words which I, unthinking,

To another said?

Did they but for a moment live

Then fall back dead?

Or, borne on ether waves

To some vast place,

Do they await the judgment

And God's grace?

If this be so,

I pray Thee, Lord, for mercy

In that day;

And help me guard with care

Each word I say. —Selected

## SOCIETIES, NOTICE

Since at least two new Y. P. Societies have been organized this year, it would be well for them to have a copy of our general constitution. Other societies who do not possess a copy should clip this one and paste it in their minute books.

## WOODROW WILSON ON THE BIBLE

The Bible is the revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God and the spiritual nature and needs of men. It is the only Guide of life which leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation.—Woodrow Wilson.

## THE REFORMED BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

The Reformed Baptist Young People's Association was organized at Beulah Camp Grounds on July 9th, 1932, at a meeting of young people held under the auspices of the Reformed Baptist Alliance, represented at the meeting by an Advisory Committee consisting of Rev. P. J. Trafton, Rev. H. C. Archer and Rev. H. S. Dow.

The following Consitution and By-Laws were adopted:

## CONSTITUTION

**Article 1.** This organization shall be known as "The Reformed Baptist Young People's Association."

**Article 2.** The object of this Association shall be to promote the cause of holiness among the young people in all the churches connected with the Reformed Baptist Alliance.

**Article 3.** (a) The membership of this Association shall consist of its officers and two delegates from the young people's society of each church.

(b) Only those who are active society members be eligible to hold office or be received as delegates.

**Article 4.** The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Article 5.** The Association shall hold one general session each year at Beulah Camp Ground, at a time to be set by the Advisory Committee.

## BY-LAWS

**Article 1.** The officers of the Association shall be elected annually.

**Article 2.** The executive of the Association shall be composed of its officers, together with three additional members to be appointed at the annual session.

**Article 3.** All members of the Association shall be eligible for office and shall have the right to vote at its annual meeting.

**Article 4.** (a) There shall be in connection with the Association four district Associations, corresponding with the quarterly meeting districts, which shall hold two meetings a year, in September and March, in each district.

The district officers shall be elected in the September meeting, to serve for one year.

(b) The District Association shall report at the annual session of the Association.

**Article 5.** Each District Association is