

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL

WITHOUT WAX

The real beauty of a word is often not discovered until the surface is scratched, or until taken apart and analyzed. Nowhere is this more true than in the study of scriptural terms.

Paul prayed that the Philippians (1.10) might be "sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." A burst of illumination attends the discovery that the word "sincere" is derived from the two Latin words sine meaning without, and cera meaning wax. We see then, Isaac was urging a state of grace that was "without wax"—one that was pure honey minus any foreign ingredients.

In one of his books Dr. Carradine, who has been at Beulah, tells of the sticks of candy he used to buy as a boy. On the end was written the word "Love," but when part of the stick was consumed "Love" would still be there. In other words, it was "Love" all the way through.

God wants us to have an experience that is clear, wholesome, and sincere—without wax—all the way through. That is the kind that will make us "without offence till the day of Christ."

BIBLE READING CONTEST

During the Youth Camp and Summer Bible School the young people entered most enthusiastically into the Bible reading contest initiated by Rev. R. G. Stabler. At class time on Saturday morning when the contest closed, it was found that Miss Vera White had led the group with a total of 334 chapters. Miss Jean Hamm with 251 chapters, and Miss Maryellen MacCallum with 219 chapters took second and third places. Many other high totals were reported. Brother Stabler presented a New Testament to each of the winners.

We commend these young people for their outstanding achievement. We trust that the effort will have increased their interest in Bible reading, and that all our young people will make concentrated study of God's Word a fixed habit in their lives.

Y. P. MATERIAL

Please note that the Y. P. Editor has changed his place of residence. Kindly send all material direct to the address given above.

While on the subject, we earnestly solicit reports from our societies, and original testimonies or short articles (not over 500 words) from our young people.

SELF-DENIAL FUND

- Rev. W. H. Mullen.....\$5.20
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Please note: Our new Self-Denial Treasurer is Miss Lillie Mullen, 233 Aberdeen St., Fredericton, N. B.

"Beauty is God made manifest."—Locke.

Put truth in a picture, and you help God to speak.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY—

- For me to understand everything.
For me always to have my own way.
For me to be as gifted or as able as someone else.
For me to be as greatly appreciated and praised as some other one.
For me to be as wise or as prosperous as another.
For me to have the absence of pain or the presence of much pleasure.
For me never to be misunderstood or misjudged.
For me never to make a mistake.

IT IS NECESSARY—

- For me to be converted.
For me to have heart relation and fellowship with God.
For me to live a life of outer integrity and righteousness.
For me to support the church of God by my presence and influence and money.
For me to be Christian in my attitude toward the unlovely, the unkind, and those who wrong me.
For me to give my testimony for God in public and in private, by word and by act.
For me to have the clean heart, which involves the "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."—The Free Methodist.

SOME THINGS I OWE MY MINISTER

- I owe him respect as the ambassador of God, sent to teach me a better way of living than the selfish, sordid existence I might be guilty of, but for his guidance.
I owe him trust, that he may be free to serve the church unhampered by criticism and faultfinding.
I owe my minister prayer, that God may make his services a blessing to everyone with whom he comes in contact.
I owe him encouragement when vexations and annoyances make his work difficult.
I owe my minister consideration, not to interrupt and hinder his work by financial worry.
I owe my minister my attention when I go to church, that he may not be annoyed by seeing by my careless, inattentive actions that I am not interested in what he is saying.—Selected.

HINTS FOR HAPPINESS

- The following hints for happiness have been culled from many sources:
Forget self.
Trust in God.
Never mistrust your friends.
Make every duty a privilege.
Pity the other person, never yourself.
Try to bring happiness to those who often seem neglected.
Work hard and pray harder, leaving the result with God.
Think much of the love of Christ, keeping patient and sweet under all circumstances.
Do not dwell on the mistakes or failures of the past, nor worry about the future, but make the best of the present with firm faith in an overruling Providence.—Selected.

A LEADER OF CHILDREN

A leader of children:
Reads her Bible, "Thy word is a light."
Keeps a quiet time, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."
Prays, "All things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."
Holds sacred the personality of a little child, "Suffer the little children to come unto me... for of such is the kingdom of heaven."
Gives sympathy and love to all, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill..."—Sel.

PIPING THE GOSPEL

A negro preacher was taking to his congregation about salvation. Finally, his sermon was finished, and then he said: "Now, Brother Smith, will you take up de collection?" At this point, an elderly man got up, and started for the door, saying: "Parson, all through you said salvation was free—free as the water we drink!" "Well, brother," replied the preacher, "Salvation is free, but when we pipes it to you, you has to pay fo' de pipin'." The laborer is worthy of his hire.

UNCONSCIOUS MINISTRY

We do not realize the importance of the unconscious part of our life-ministry. It goes on continually. In every greeting we give to another on the street, in every moment's conversation, in every letter we write, in every contact with other lives, there is a subtle influence that goes from us that often reaches farther, and leaves a deeper impression than the things themselves that we are doing at the time. It is not so much what we do in this world as what we are, that tells in spiritual results and impressions. A good life is like a flower, which, though it neither toil nor spin, yet ever pours out a rich perfume and thus performs a holy ministry.—J. R. Miller.

A PRAYER FOR A CHEERFUL SPIRIT

Almighty God, who has created us for Thy glory and service, give us grace, we pray Thee, to hallow every gift, and improve each talent which Thou hast committed to us, that with a cheerful and diligent spirit we may ever serve Thee; and whatsoever we do, may we do all in the name and to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THOUGHTS

A man shows his true character only when he speaks of a great man or of a great thing. That is the true touchstone of his soul.—Goethe.
God meant that it should be just as true to say "Man is love" as to say "God is love," and some day, when all of His great love has worked out to the full, it will be said.—S. D. Gordon.
It has often been said, very truly, that religion is the thing that makes the ordinary man feel extraordinary; it is an equally important truth that religion is the thing that makes the extraordinary man feel ordinary.—G. K. Chesterton.