

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### SOCIETY LETTER

Fort Fairfield, Maine

Dear Young People:

Some time ago the young people of Fort Fairfield elected officers as follows:

President—Edith Emery

Vice-president—Norma Ginn

Secretary—Elsie Hilyard

Treasurer—Enoch Emery

Self-denial Treas.—Carrie Williams

We hold our meetings on every Thursday night with the exception of the first Thursday of every month which is devoted to a missionary service. At the present time our numbers are small, but the services are a blessing. The meetings are conducted by the young people with the older folks attending.

The young people were encouraged greatly during the special services with Rev. F. A. Dunlop a few weeks ago.

Trusting to see you all at the Spring Rally in Fredericton.

Yours in Christ,

ELSIE HILYARD, Secretary.

### REAL PURPOSE OF LIFE

One of the most pathetic things anyone can sense is the fact that so many people completely miss the purpose of life. The failure to sense what life is all about usually begins when folk are quite young. Because of the faulty teaching of the home, or lack of teaching altogether, and the misdirection of certain teachers in school or elsewhere, the boy and girl comes to believe often that about all there is to life is to have plenty to eat, be well clothed, and have an opportunity for a "good time." Quite often people fail to see that these things are only a means to an end.

The foundation stone of life is first of all for one to find himself, and to find himself in relation to the person and program of Jesus Christ for this world. If one does not find himself in that sense, he never does find himself. He may make money, may not have any wants at all so far as food and raiment and shelter are concerned, and may constantly travel the avenue to "merry" life, but, after all, the sunset time of life comes and there is pessimism, remorse, and the decree on the part of the individual that life isn't worth living.

Such a condition is all because the person has missed the mark and has not really lived. He has simply eked out an existence in the world, never realizing that the soul can never be fed upon the husk of material things. Man is above the animal until he places himself on the level with the animal, and that's exactly what he does when he adopts the slogan, "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die."—*Watchword*.

### TRUE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT

"Ready to go, ready to stay  
Ready my place to fill  
Ready for service lowly or great  
Ready to do His will."

Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.—Titus 2:6-7.

### REMEMBER

The general Young People's Rally which will be held at Fredericton, N. B., May 23-26 inclusive. Rev. H. R. Whiting, Meaford, Ontario, is the special speaker.

### DELEGATES

We urge the secretaries of each local society to find out as soon as possible the number of delegates and visitors planning to attend the Rally, and communicate at once with Miss Vest Dunlop, 167 Jaffrey St., North Devon, N. B.

### "CAN'T DO IT"

The story is told of a minister, a temperance man, visiting a friend. At dinner the friend wished him to take a glass of wine.

"Can't do it," said the minister. "Wine is a mocker."

"Take a glass of brandy, then."

"Can't do it, brother. Strong drink is raging."

By this time the host became excited and remarked.

"You will pass the decanter to the gentleman next."

"No, my friend. I cannot do that. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him."

"Well, then," said the host in desperation, "pass it over to me."

"Can't touch it," said the minister, "for the good Book says, 'Touch not, taste not, handle not.'"

—*The Motor Wisconsin*.

### ALCOHOL

Sir William Osler, the great Canadian physician, was lecturing one day on the effects of alcohol. "Is it true," asked a student, "that alcohol makes people able to do things better?" "No," replied Sir William, "it just makes them less ashamed of doing them badly."—*Exchange*.

### BE THANKFUL

"For every hill you have to climb  
For every wall you have to scale,  
For every burden in your time,  
For every stinging of the gale,  
For every problem you must meet  
For every hour that seems too long,  
For every mile that drags your feet,  
Be thankful. They will make you strong.

For every peril you must face,  
For every dark and baffled hour,  
For every word that tries your grace,  
For every tear, for every care,  
For every tossing of the wave  
For every load love bids you bear,  
Be thankful. They will make you brave."

—*The Parish*.

### THE SUCCESSFUL WAY

Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you but even with him; for giving it sets you above him.

—*Benjamin Franklin*

### MY CHURCH

I want my church to be a place  
Where I can meet God face to face  
And meditate upon His grace.

I want each worship hour so sweet  
That I can think each time we meet  
A Presence comes and takes His seat.

I want her doors to stand so wide  
No hungry soul who waits outside  
Will think that he has been denied.

I want my church to be much more  
Than stone and mortar, pew and door  
Or carpet laid upon a floor.

But oh, I know that it can be  
No more than that is found in me,  
So teach me, Lord, to show forth Thee.  
—*Jessie Merle Franklin in Prairie Wings*.

### TEXT OF FAMOUS MEN

The text from which John Bunyan preached to the multitudes—John 6:37.

The text that saved William Cowper from suicide—Romans 3:34, 25.

The text that made Martin Luther the hero of the Reformation—Romans 1:17.

The text that comforted the troubled soul of John Wesley—Mark 12:34.

The text that made David Livingstone a missionary—Matthew 28:19,20.

The text to which John Knox anchored his soul—John 17:3.

The text that gave William Carey a world vision—Isaiah 54:2.

The text that made William Penn a conqueror.—I John 5:4.

The text on which Michael Faraday staked everything—II Timothy 1:12.

—*Free Methodist*.

### THE BIBLE

Word of the everliving God,  
Will of His glorious Son,  
Without thee how could earth be trod  
Or heaven itself be won?

Lord, grant us all aright to learn  
The wisdom it imparts,  
And to its heavenly teaching turn  
With simple, childlike hearts.

—Selected.

### A HOME WITHOUT A BIBLE

By *The Late C. D. Meigs, in Christian Action*.

What is home without a Bible?  
'Tis a home where day is night,  
Starless night, for o'er life's pathway  
Heaven can shed no kindly light.

What is home without a Bible?  
'Tis a home where daily bread  
For the body is provided,  
But the soul is never fed.

What is home without a Bible?  
'Tis a family out at sea,  
Compass lost and rudder broken,  
Drifting, drifting, thoughtlessly.