

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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COMMON AILMENT

The other day I happened to pick up an old copy of the Sunday School Banner and my eyes fell on the title, "The Habit of Not Feeling Well". As this seems to be a very common and convenient habit, even among so many professed Christians, I felt constrained to read the article and this is what it said:

"Few people realize that their ailments are largely self-induced. They get into the habit of not feeling well. If they get up in the morning with a slight headache, or some other trifling indisposition, instead of trying to rise above this condition, they take a positive pleasure in expatiating upon their feelings to anyone who will listen. Instead of combating the tendency to illness by filling the lungs with pure fresh air, they dose themselves with 'headache tablets,' or some other patent specific 'warranted to cure' whatever all they think they are suffering from. They begin to pity themselves, and try to attract pity and sympathy from others. Unconsciously, by detailing and dwelling upon their symptoms, they reinforce the first simple suggestion of illness by a whole army of thoughts and fears and images of disease, until they are unfitted to do a day's work in their homes or offices."

"It is said that man is a lazy animal. We are all more or less prone to indolence, and it is the easiest and most natural thing in the world for young people to accustom themselves to lying down or lounging on a sofa because they think they are tired or not well. Much so-called 'invalidism' is simply laziness, fostered and indulged from childhood. There is a great danger that girls who are delicate while growing up, and lounge around the house and lie down whenever they feel the least bit out of sorts, will form a habit of invalidism when they reach maturity. How often do we see such girls 'brace up' at once whenever anything happens which interests or excites them! An invitation to a reception or a party, or any other pleasant social occasion, acts like a tonic. For the time being an instantaneous cure is effected. They are as well as anybody—until after the entertainment."

How true to life this is when there are church services to attend or some branch of the Father's work that needs special attention. The work of the Lord has been hindered in so many places because of people who professed to be interested but only manifested that interest when they felt like it. If this is our attitude toward the work of God, let us take hold of ourselves young people lest we become stumbling blocks to those who expect something from us. Remember—you are eager when it comes to social functions—be faithful to the services of your church and its activities if you expect others to have confidence in you. What can't keep you home from a party or a visit with friends should not keep you from the house of God.

SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT

A lighthouse on a tropical shore sent out a brilliant light which defied the winds and clouds. But the soft wings and gauzy bodies of myriads of insects, each one most insignificant, effectually veiled the light. And so the conscience may be able to resist great assaults, and to avoid fearful dangers, but there may be a million little venomous insect habits,

Laziness grows on people; it begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chains. The more one has to do the more he is able to accomplish.

—Buxton.

THREE GATES

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale someone to you has told
About another, make it pass
Before you speak, three gates of gold,
Three narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer, and the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell, nor ever fear
What the result of speech may be.

—True Living.

YOUR DAILY DOZEN

Train—

Your mouth to smile when the day is dark;
Your tongue to speak for the benefit of others;
Your nose not to sniff at those beneath you;
Your ears to hear nothing but good of others;
Your eyes to see the need of your fellowmen;
Your hands to supply those needs;
Your feet to walk always on the upward grade.

—Selected.

Presque Isle, Me.,

Jan. 10th, 1949

Dear Friends in Christ:

We would like to report a victorious Young People's work in Presque Isle. God has been blessing us. "Praise the Lord!"

We had a grand Young People's Rally this past fall, and the memories of it still linger in my heart. "Glory to God."

We have our Young People's meeting on Friday nights and have different speakers each night. It helps to strengthen us and we get a blessing that is joy unspeakable.

This is the first letter that we have written to The Highway, in fact the first letter that I have written to be published in a paper, but my soul says, "Glory."

God is certainly working in our midst. We have good attendance and two have found the Lord recently.

We as Young People enjoy working with our pastor, Rev. H. O. McGeorge. He has helped us greatly and showed us our weak places and assisted us in our meetings. We praise the Lord for sending us a man of God like Rev. Mr. McGeorge, and his family.

We would like to see other Young People's letters in The Highway too, and to see how your meetings are going.

This is not much of a letter but I am praising God for what he can do to a poor lost sinner like me. Glory to God. We are praying for you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helpfulness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but compunction of soul.—Hannah Moore.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Frances Moses

Once there was an old lady named Mrs. O'Leary. Mrs. O'Leary had a pet pig. She was very proud of her pig. She wanted her pig to be different from other pigs. She would teach him to be clean.

So she took warm water and soapsuds and a brush, and give him a good scrubbing. She scrubbed and scrubbed him, until he was just shining, he was so clean. Then she bought a pretty blue ribbon and tied a bow around his neck. White skin, blue ribbon and pink nose. What a lovely pig he was!

Putting a rope around his neck to lead him, Mrs. O'Leary started to town to show off her pig. My, but wouldn't the neighbors talk about her clean pig! And so she and her pig went on their way.

All went well until the pig spied a puddle of mud. Breaking loose from her, he went straight for the puddle and wallowed in the mud!

Although so clean and beautiful on the OUTSIDE, on the INSIDE he still had the heart of a pig, and all pigs delight in being dirty.

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Once there was a boy named Ray. Ray heard that no sinner could live with God in Heaven, because God is holy and hates all sin and wrong. So Ray took a bath every morning, kept his clothes clean, and tried very hard to be good. He obeyed his mother most of the time, but many times he was disobedient. Whatever could he do?

He decided he would try to be kind. But the very first day he tried, he was unkind. He was very cross with himself. Whatever would he do?

The next Sunday he went to Sunday School to see if he could find out what to do. His teacher told him about Mrs. O'Leary's pig. She said, "Ray, you look clean and good on the OUTSIDE, but the trouble is on the INSIDE. You still have a sinful heart, and so you cannot do right."

Ray began to cry, because he could not get inside and make his heart clean.

"No", said the teacher, "you cannot. But Jesus can! He died on the cross to save you from sin, and He rose again to keep you from sin."

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15), "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31).

Ray asked Christ Jesus to save him from sin, and what a difference that made! NOW every morning he asks Jesus to keep him from sin. NOW he lives for Jesus!

—Good News Publishers.

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Here it is January, 1949—and I know you have all made some New Year's resolutions. I bet that one of these was that you'd be a better boy or girl this year.

Now like Ray, you can't do it by yourself. In order to really change your life, you must give yourself to Jesus. He will forgive you of your past wrongs and give you the strength to keep your lives clean. So if you do not have Jesus in your heart, will you like Ray, give your heart to Jesus and start this new year right?