

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

Voice of the Reformed Baptist Y. P. A.

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YOU AND YOUR SOCIETY

What keeps your society functioning? Is it not that you and all the other members are working together with a common purpose, Did you ever think how difficult it would be to carry on an organization with each member working separately and with no knowledge of the purposes and plans of the others? You will agree with me, I know, when I say there must be a unity of purpose and a mutual sharing of responsibility if definite results are to be obtained.

Now I would like to transfer this thought to a large scale. Let us think of your society in its relationship to the general young peoples' association. Just as individuals make up the membership of your society, in like manner all the societies together compose the general association. Each local society holds the same relationship to the general association as a member holds to the local society. The general association can function properly only as the societies composing its membership respond to its needs.

The general association is not an organization separate from the local societies; neither are the local societies separate and self-existent units in themselves. Each one is a component unit which, when united to all other local societies constitute the general association. Without the local societies there would be no general association. For your society to fail in its responsibility to the general association means that the association will be weakened in accordance to your failure.

I hope I have made myself clear. To sum it up, I might say that the success and the accomplishments of the association depends much on the backing of your society. I have been trying to point out that your responsibilities do not terminate at the borders of your **local needs**. Your society is not an isolated group working alone and completely independent; it is a part of a larger and greater organization. Therefore, the responsibilities of the larger group are yours also.

Each year at Beulah delegates from your society meet with the delegates of other societies to set goals for the ensuing year. To realize the fulfilment of the plans outlined each year means that the association must shoulder the responsibility. But your society is a vital part of the association. Therefore, success depends on you and your society.

WILLIAM MORGAN,
President.

Dear Highway Friends:

Now is the time to look ahead to those summer months of vacation and resolve that this year the children in your church and community will have a profitable and pleasant vacation. Profitable because of the ample time and opportunity those two holiday months provide to reach your children with the Gospel. And as for pleasant—just ask any child who has attended a Vacation Bible School and watch his face lighten up!! Do take advantage of all those too-long days with 'nothing to do' by gathering in the unchurched children of your community and in a forceful, interesting, manner present to them the story of salvation. And for your own regular Sunday School attendance it can mean a chance to

explain some of the wonderful provisions and promises in the Word which will establish confidence and faith and enable them to live and grow in close fellowship with their God in the midst of the insecurity and unbelief about them.

I am glad to say that some pastors have already begun to prepare for a Daily Vacation Bible School in their church this summer. If you are planning to have a school it is vitally necessary that your request for workers be made known to us NOW. Already several of our workers are booked up for the summer. It is imperative for us to know how many churches will be requiring workers and the dates they desire them. Where requests for specific workers are made, we do our best to supply those named, but this is not always possible.

Arranging a convenient date for the various churches often presents the problem of overlapping; this takes time to unravel.

I know we all want this year's D.V.B.S., to be the best yet,—not only numerically but most of all spiritually. I'm sure you'll agree that proper planning is necessary, and this we must do under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for this is His work, and our ultimate aim in it all is the salvation of precious boys and girls.

There will no doubt be problems to straighten out, causing a possible delay in your replies from us; but, by each of us co-operating and doing our best and praying continually for God's blessing upon this work, I feel confident we can have a rich and blessed time this year, with our children in D.V.B.S.

In His Service,
EILEEN FLANDERS.

THY WILL NOT MINE BE DONE

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3: 5, 6.

No matter how mature we might feel physically, we all feel our lack of wisdom and immaturity mentally, when trying to choose the correct path in life.

In feeling our need of more wisdom we must realize, after reading the above passage of scripture, that we do not have to trust in our own understanding which is so often faulty, but we may trust in one who knows all things and can see so much farther into the future than we.

Some young people learn the hard way, that it pays to let God guide them along life's pathway instead of trying to choose the occupation that they want to follow.

A young lady feeling very deeply the call of God to a far off mission field, upon entering high school vowed that she would follow God's leading and prepare for this work.

A few years went by and this young lady met a young man with a promising future but with no definite call from God to full time service for Him.

The girl of our story made the mistake that so many young people make, of keeping company with this young man and finally promising him to marry him even though she knew she was disobeying God.

As time went on and the young couple married the woman realized that she was drifting away from God, and was losing the peace and

joy she once had. She realized also that the only way to regain the peace and joy was to keep the vow that she once made to God. But how could she now that she was married, and besides she had not continued her education which was necessary before she could become a missionary.

She woke up too late to the realization that she had not in all her ways acknowledged Him, who was able to bring her real happiness.

Young people cannot expect to be blessed of God if they do not find out the will of God and seek to do it.

We cannot 'serve God and mammon.' Our money, our time, our friends and loved ones, our talents must be laid on the altar.

Are we doing what God would have us to do or are we trying to hold something back from Him? Are we laying up treasures in heaven, or do we seek to lay up treasures upon earth and desire the comfort of life instead? Have we said whole-heartedly, "Where He leads me I will follow", or are we saying sub-consciously, "I'll follow where He leads, if it doesn't mean separation from my loved ones"?

Let us get to the place where we can say, "And my soul shall feel no ill.

Let Him lead me where He will,
I will go without a murmur,
And His footsteps follow still."

MILDRED MacGEORGE.

THE NECESSARY OUTLET

The electrician had stopped at the street corner to renew carbons in the arc lamp. A small boy had stopped to watch him. As the day was bright and sunny the boy was astonished to see that the man wore rubber boots. "What did you wear those boots for?" he asked. "Do you think it is going to rain?"

The workman laughed good-naturedly. "No, sonny, I wear them so as to be safe from electric shocks when I handle these lamps. Electricity cannot go through rubber very well, and one of the funny things about electricity is that it can't get into a person unless it can get out again."

Is it not true of other things in life also? Take love. It can't get into a human heart unless it can get out again. It must find an out-let in service or die. Yet many persons forget that truth.

The clearest stream in the world will quickly become a stagnant pool if its waters find no escape. Clog the channels of usefulness with the rubbish of selfishness, harshness, or indolence, and the streams of life affection will soon become a foul and stagnant morass that reflects no loveliness and enriches no barren places.—Youth's Companion.

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EILEEN FLANDERS,
Treasurer.

"Spend much time every day and night in prayer and direct communion with God. This will make you a power for salvation. No amount of learning and study can compensate for the loss of this communion. If you fail to maintain communion with God, you are 'weak and other men'."