

"Let no man despise thy youth,
but be thou an example . . ."
1 Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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A Prosperous New Year To You

Editorial

"NOT AS FOOLS"

New years are like many of the things that pertain to earthly life—they soon become old. It seems such a short time ago I was trying to become accustomed to writing 1952 at the tops of letters and on checks. I recall handing a cashier a check last January 6, which I had dated 1951. The cashier gave me a suspicious look and informed me that the check was no good. My problem was that I had not caught up with time.

The passing of 1952, reminds me of opportunities lost, work unaccomplished, ideals not realized. Again time has not waited for me, and wasted minutes and hours are gone forever. But I trust that this year has taught me more of the preciousness of time.

One of the greatest delusions of youth is that there is lots of time—lots of time to spend in school; lots of time to live carelessly; lots of time to loaf; lots of time before one needs to get right with God. One day some of us may be saying what we occasionally hear older ones say: "I started too late;" "I should have finished school;" "If I had gotten saved when I was younger, my life might have been different, my service to God better."

Let's not be fools, young people. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15-16). Let us make the most of time, and thus make the most of life also. Let us give God the cream of our lives instead of the skim milk. If we have been a failure in '53, let us not be a fool in '54. Make this the hour of repentance and resolve. Let us say individually: "By God's grace, I'll be a man." Then in the words of the psalmist let us pray: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Ps. 90:12). And could we not wisely add: "O, Lord, teach me while I am young?" —C. E. S.

SOME MORE, PLEASE

Perth is the second new society to be organized since Beulah. "Where there's a will, there's a way." If others so will, probably there will be more new societies before next Beulah. Would not most of us say, "More, please?" —C. E. S.

THE TAME OLD DUCK

Woodrow Geier

*I think my soul is a tame old duck,
Dabbling around in barnyard muck,
Fat and lazy with useless wings,
But sometimes when the north wind sings
And the wild ones hurtle overhead,
It remembers something lost and dead,
And cocks a wary, bewildered eye,
And makes a feeble attempt to fly.
It's fairly content with the state it's in,
But it isn't the duck it might have been.*

From Quote

THE MAN IN THE GLASS

*When you get what you want in the struggle for
self*

*And the world makes you king for a day;
Then go to your mirror and look at yourself
To see what that man has to say.*

*For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your
life
Is the man staring back from the glass.*

*He's the man you must please, never mind all
the rest,*

*For he's with you clear up to the end;
And you've passed your most difficult, dangerous
test,*

If the man in the glass is your friend.

*You can fool the whole world down the pathway
of years,*

*And get pats on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartaches and
tears,*

If you've cheated the man in the glass!

—Sermonet.

ANOTHER NEW SOCIETY

Perth

Dear Highway Friends,

On Sept. 11, 1953, we organized the first Young People's Society to be held in Perth with the following officers elected for the coming year:

Patricia Dunlop—President.

Ruby Jean Hanson—Vice-President.

Clara Inman—Secretary-Treasurer.

Elsie Lunn—Pianist.

Our meetings are held every Friday evening with a social evening once a month. Last month we attended a Halloween party given by the Presque Isle young people, which was enjoyed by all.

Our meetings are well attended with an average attendance ranging from 20 to 25 between the ages of 14 and 25. Older young people and outsiders are always welcomed.

Our president puts much effort in preparing each meeting. She makes all of us work at one time or another, thus working in all of the young people. Some of us don't enjoy it when our turn comes, yet it is interesting to listen to other young people taking part in the service.

We trust that in the coming year we will grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and be more useful in His service.

CLARA INMAN,

Secretary-Treasurer.

"Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which costs me nothing." 2 Sam. 24:24.

Youth, a Challenge

By Laurence K. Mullen

Youth is a period of decision. What courses shall I take? What vocation shall I follow? What mate shall I choose? What should I do, go to college or accept a position? All these are questions which every young man and young woman meets and must answer. Obviously such questions are important, for the very course and nature of one's life is determined by the answers which are given to them.

But let us notice yet another question, one which again demands decision and which calls for thoughtful consideration. To what shall I commit myself, and what will command my highest devotion? Will it be God or Mammon? This is the question of questions. Our answer will constitute life's most important decision. Our answer will determine our destiny.

Man today finds himself bowed low in worship to the gods of this world. For some, the god is materialism and material values. For others, the god is humanism. Still others devote themselves to a more subtle god, the god of "scientific method," claiming that no knowledge is valid unless it comes through so-called "scientific" channels. Again, others set up human reason as the ultimate criterion of truth and with a sophisticated humility fall down and worship its dictates. Reason must be followed, they say, even if it leads one to judge God and his revelation.

Let it be recognized that the gods of this world are bargaining hard, bidding high, and working overtime to win the affections of men, promising much but bringing only disappointment, despair, and death to the human soul.

The appeal we are making here is that young people recognize the importance of personal commitment to God as the only source of inner completeness. Life is rich, full, and meaningful when the human will is in harmony with the divine will.

God made man for fellowship, for His glory, and for the bringing into being of those values which come by means of the God-man relationship. Out of harmony with his Creator, man is in conflict with himself; he defeats his own efforts to bring peace of mind; he finds life empty of meaning.

It is said that youth needs to be challenged, that youth needs a great deal for which to live, suffer, and die. Let it be known this day that the call to Christian living was never more challenging, was never a more daring venture, and has never required so much of a man.

May the youth of this generation rise up in holy boldness to proclaim the power of the gospel. Let evil tremble and good rejoice because Christian youth is on the march!

A Pledge For '54: To Give Christ More