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### Candle or Stars?

"Well, I just know, now, that I'll never be anybody; I'll never amount to anything. I'm just little know-nothing Peggy White and that's all I'll ever be," cried Peggy, as she threw herself on the bed and sobbed.

Poor Peggy! She had finished the country school and planned on attending High School in the city; now she had heard that the school bus route was not to pass their house. Her parents, though anxious that she have an education were too poor to send her unless she could go on the bus. It was indeed a big disappointment, for she had the desire to some day be an art teacher.

It was sad that she lost interest in life. A little fourteen-year-old girl should be jolly, energetic and enthusiastic about living, but Peggy moped as she went about her daily tasks. Mrs. White was grieved to see her daughter thus and silently prayed God to give her new interest.

One lovely September day, while other children, whom Peggy envied, were in High School, she decided to walk over to Oak Ridge and visit with the pupils and Miss Robison, the teacher. As she walked by the flowers along the roadside, among the red and yellow foliage of the trees, she somehow couldn't feel sad.

She enjoyed the afternoon at school and stayed to help Miss Robison tidy the room afterward. "Wouldn't you like some Fall posters made for the school room?" she asked.

"Surely," answered Miss Robison, "and can't you help me with the children's art lessons? You know I'm not much of an artist myself."

This marked the beginning of a new life for

Peggy. Three days, each week, she walked to school to help Miss Robison, who, in turn, loaned her books and helped her with advanced Literature.

"I must not come every day, for I want to help Mother. I never knew before how much dear Mother does," Peggy confided to the teacher.

Soon Peggy discovered that "Grandma" Phillips who lived near Oak Ridge, was not able to wash her dishes and do many tasks because of rheumatism in her hands. So she stopped each time she passed to help her an hour or two.

"My fingers would rather be drawing and painting pretty pictures," she'd say to herself, "but I must make them do other things too."

One Spring day, Mrs. Holmes, the county superintendent, visited school.

"Surely, not one of your pupils made this beautiful picture on the board!" she exclaimed to the teacher. Then followed an explanation of Peggy's work and her desire.

In a few minutes, the little lass herself arrived and all afternoon Mrs. Holmes silently studied her actions. She secretly resolved to visit Mrs. White some day when Peggy was not at home and learn more about her family.

Peggy was very sad and lonesome that last day of school. She had made a pencil sketch called "School Days" which the children proclaimed her masterpiece.

After the program was ended, and the people had started home, Mrs. Holmes said, "I have a surprise for the girl who made this sketch. Will she ride with me and hear it?"

So Peggy heard all about how Mrs. Holmes was

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 JUST WHERE YOU ARE  
 Don't waste your time in longing  
 For bright, impossible things;  
 Don't sit supinely yearning  
 For the swiftness of angel wings;  
 Don't spurn to be a rush light  
 Because you are not a star;  
 But brighten some bit of darkness  
 By shining just where you are.  
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 There is need of the tiniest candle  
 As well as the garish sun;  
 The humblest deed is ennobled  
 When its worthily done  
 You may never be called to brighten  
 The darkest regions afar;  
 So fill for the day your mission  
 By shining just where you are.  
 —UNKNOWN, Sel. by Lois Smith.  
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SUNBEAMS

FROM KANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

It has been a long time since I have written to the Missionary, but I haven't lost interest in the paper and enjoy reading it very much. I am glad to hear that the Fort Smith church and S. S. are growing. I had the pleasure of attending S. S. there once. I read in the paper that more people are attending church than there has been for for a long time.

A young man stopped here one Sunday and played two records telling of words conditions of today. He believed like the Church of God people in many ways, but he didn't believe in the seventh day Sabbath, so mother gave him two tracts on the Sabbath question and he said he would read them.

I will close with a good rule for every one to follow "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." I am sending 25c tithe.

Your friend, Philip Mackey

FROM OREGON

Dear Friends,

I am seven years old and in the first grade. I like to go to school. I like my teacher.

I like to go to Sabbath School and I like my S. S. teacher. Her name is Mrs. Blanche Benight.

I have a cat. My brother has some little rabbits.

I learn a verse every Sabbath.

Your friend, Wayman Sheffield

(Do you name your pets? One verse each Sabbath will soon make quite a collection of verses which you'll probably remember all your life.—Editor).

FROM OREGON

Dear Missionary Readers,

I am fourteen years old and in the eighth grade at school. I like Spelling, Reading and English best of all subjects at school.

I like to go to Sabbath School. There are 12 or more in our class every Sabbath. Mr. Ray Benight is our teacher.

I like to live in Oregon. It has a very rainy climate in the winter time. It is raining a little right now.

Your friend,
Thelma Sheffield

(What a large class you have! I used to live in Oregon when I was younger than you. Editor)

FROM OREGON

Dear Missionary Readers,

This is my first time to write to the Mission-

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Haven't you often heard people say, "Oh! I'll run the chance?" They mean they will take the risk.

People are daily taking risks, all over the world. The motorist neglects to fix his brakes; as a result, an accident costs several lives.

A boy doesn't like to study. "I'll take a chance," he says. At the end of the school years, his record shows—failed.

What if the lion-hunter should go into the jungle without any weapons or equipment, thinking he'd take the chance? Would he get very far?

The Lord has laid down a definite path for us to follow. It is not hard to do this if we always use our book of rules, the Bible. But if we just take a chance, the result will be very disastrous.

CANDLE OR STARS?

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interested in her and her work and that she was to go to town and stay with her and go to high school.

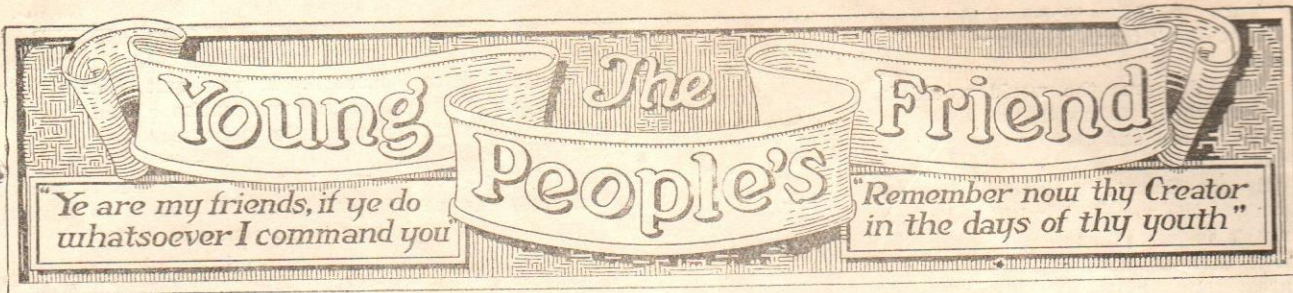
"You can help me with my housework to pay for your board and room; your parents already know about it," the superintendent told her.

Peggy was so delighted she could hardly utter her thanks.

"But Peggy," said Mrs. Holmes, "it wasn't really your masterpiece that gained this opportunity for you; it was because you did humble things when you were wishing to do great, impossible things."

As Peggy kneeled by her bed that night, she prayed, "Thank you dear Lord for my opportunity. But if I never get to be a brilliant star, please help me to ever be a faithful little candle."

—A Missionary Reader.



"O bless our God, ye people, and make

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the voice of his praise to be heard."

## The Miracle-Conversion

What characteristics distinguish carnal man? We are born into a world in which the doctrine "Every man for himself" is the predominant note, and it is that primeval law which governs natural man's every deed. In conformity with that law, the safety, comfort and prosperity of each individual is the first consideration in that individual's life. To natural man the preservation of life itself is worthy of every sacrifice.

To a lesser degree, carnal man is a servant of fashion, enslaved in the fear of public opinion, striving unremittingly for either fame, fortune, or positions of power. Or he may merely wish to avoid all effort or responsibilities and the pain which accompanies them, and to live a life of aimless, fruitless, cowardly drifting. In either case he is bowing to those inward dictates which seem to promise him the fullest measure of satisfaction in life.

That inscrutable force popularly known as "conversion" is in direct opposition to the insistent, clamorous voices of instinct. It is a mysterious element which God can implant in us which is bigger than ourselves, which transforms our lives from a vain search for self-satisfaction to an infinitely nobler struggle toward self-conquest. It asserts itself in an implacable antagonism toward evil. It is the fear of God. It is Christianity at work. Under its persuasion, selfishness becomes unselfishness, and self-love, brotherly love. Purity of life and breadth of service are seen to be the fixed goal of existence, and in this godly orbit man's life revolves. In conversion, in fearing to displease God more than man, a power is released within us which quakes not even before the terrors of death. Unless, as one philosopher said, there is something in your life which cannot be bought with money, you are not fit to live. The converted man possesses principles which, far from being bought with money, cannot be bought by the fear of death. That is the ultimate test of obedience to carnal considerations or to God. Paul said "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor princi-

palities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Therefore, material circumstances are absolutely helpless to undermine the converted man's sure faith in God's righteousness. And it is only through faith in the triumph of justice that he is able to resist the temptations to which carnality urges him to succumb.

The outward manifestations of conversion are not those of transitory spiritual exuberance, such as are glorified by certain sects. Unnatural emotional disturbances are not to be confused with conversion, because no one can exist in a state of constant emotional tension without becoming an unbalanced, nervous, psychopathic case. Nor is conversion a period of alternate spiritual excitement and spiritual waning. It is rather, exemplified in a calm, tranquil spirit which rises above every exigency of life, upon which material adversities can strike but a glancing blow.

—By one of our Readers.

### SOME TEACHINGS OF CHRIST

*(The following article is from a Brother who is preparing for ministerial work and is now working with Elder Frank Walker in Gospel efforts. This is the first material we have received for the Y.P.F. from our new writer).*

Quite often we hear it said, "We are now free from the Mosaic law; we are now to obey Christ's teachings." This is true. We find the ceremonial law ended when Christ gave His life a ransom for many. (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14; Heb. 10:3-10). But right here is the seat of much misunderstanding.

First, let us see what Christ taught. Open your Bible to Matt. 5:17-19. Here we find Christ very emphatically teaching that the law is to stand and admonishing the people to keep even the least of the commandments and teach others to do so. James

says, "He that offendeth in one point is guilty of all." Ch. 2:10.

Then how can we make harmony of the Scriptures when one says Christ abolished the law and the other that He taught it? The key to the whole thing lies in the fact that Christ taught obedience to a law that is altogether different from the one He abolished, or which ended by limitation. These two laws are confused. Read Exodus and Deuteronomy. Here we find that God gave one law which David and James says is perfect. David says it is as perfect as the heavens with the sun, moon and stars. Ps. 19. Then He *told Moses to give a law which we find mentioned in Col. 2:14.* When we can distinguish these two laws we can see how we can obey Christ's teachings. Christ taught obedience to God's laws from the heart while Moses' law merely enforced an outward show of obedience with the penalty of death to the disobedient.

Now since we see that Christ did not contradict Himself, we can reconcile Paul's statement to the Romans (13:8-10) where he says to love your neighbor as yourself because that is the only way you can obey God's law. He quoted from the law he was talking about.

We find this to be in exact accordance with Christ's teachings. Read what He says in Matt. 5:38-48. Here He teaches us to love even our enemies. If they smite us on the right cheek turn to them the other also. Pray for them that persecute you.

Then in Matt. 19 we see that He says to keep the commandments if we will enter into eternal life. Here He also quotes from the law He is talking about and makes it very plain to all.

Some people say, "No man can love his neighbor as himself. It is human nature to covet. One can't help but dislike his enemies." But this is not so if the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. Christ also taught to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." If we do this we can keep the rest. "It is the love of God that we keep the commandments." The carnal mind is enmity against God, therefore not subject to the law of God.

Turn to Matt. 15:3-9 and see if Christ didn't teach obedience from the heart.

How different the world would be if everybody followed the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that those who say "can't" could only see that in their own strength can't is the word, but with God's help the 't is superfluous. We must love God first. "This is the first and great commandment." Then He will help us to love our neighbor, yes, even our enemies.

If people would only love God and their fellowmen there would be no depression for anybody. There would be no covetousness which leads to money grabbing, stealing in all its forms, desire for power, wars, strife of every kind. There would be no more people rising up in anger and slaying their neighbor and murder would be a thing of the terrible past. Everybody would honor his parents because he couldn't help it. Many young people today have no regard, much less respect for parental advice or admonition.

The divorce courts would go out of business and the marriage license bureaus wouldn't get to sell so many licenses to the same person in so many cases. Nobody would bear false witness because they would not want to mislead.

Oh that every one would realize there is but one God and His name one, for then no one would care to take His name in vain or worship graven images, neither violate His holy Sabbath day.

Love is the central theme of the Savior's teachings. We will not think of explaining away God's commandments as the abrogated law of Moses, nor will we be one to say "impossible." We will want to obey them. Rom. 13:8.

Therefore, let us all do unto others as we would others did unto us. Matt. 7:12. Pray to God to shed His love abroad in our hearts that we may love our enemies and delight to walk in the path of God commandments. Psalm 119:35.

—By Clayton L. Faubion.

## HOW SHALL WE KEEP IT HOLY?

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy—" Just how shall we spend God's Sabbath in order to comply with this command given us in Exodus 20? It is said to be a day of rest—a time during the week for us to rest from our duties and give more time to God. This doesn't mean that we should devote *only* that part of the week to God's service and reverence to Him. A part of *each* day should be set aside for prayer and worship, but especially on the Sabbath do we rest and study His Word. Can we keep His Day *holy* any

other way? It is not kept holy if worldly temptations and pleasures enter. But neither can we permit them in our lives other days and push them out, or mostly out, on the Sabbath. So why should not our life on *every* day be "holy and acceptable" in His sight? If it is so, we needn't change it a great deal at the going down of the sun on Friday evening except that our physical work ceases and we enjoy a wonderful day of rest with Him.

We can praise the Lord on His Sabbath in many ways besides reading and studying His Word. Songs are a source of joy to every Christian soul. A part of the real meaning of worship is lost when songs are omitted. Many lessons are taught and a great many souls are brought to repentance through the deep meaning conveyed by hymns. David gave a wonderful example of worship and praise through song. It is mentioned many times in his Psalms. "It is good to sing praises unto our God!"

Every day our life should be a testimony for Jesus. But shouldn't we also tell our friends and all around us just how much He means to us? Songs and testimonies are a good means of keeping the Sabbath and pleasing God. We do not have to have a church or a large gathering for them. They are for a few believers as well as many and are effective at all times. We are blessed individually, why not praise Him that way, too?

If we are so fortunate as to have a regular Sabbath School and place of worship, I hope we appreciate it, and do our part well—however small it may be. Each and every member *has* a part. It may be just being present with your Bible, a willingness to learn, and having a great deal of interest in God and all your fellowmen. If so, you will find your part is greater than you thought, and you will have no trouble doing it. You will bring others with you and you will spread the gospel to your neighbors. In return, you will find the greatest possible happiness on this earth—the joy of working for Him!

And so we find that a true Christian has no trouble keeping the Sabbath holy. Usually we find it is much too short to do all we wish for the Lord, and so it extends on into every day and we always live our life for Him. May He bless us all in His work and keep us ever in His steps.

A good motto for us comes from an old hymn and perhaps it would help us all to recall it often: "Can the world see Jesus in You?" Can they see Him every day as well as on the Sabbath? If we have Him at all, we may have Him always and surely the world will have little trouble seeing Jesus in us.

By Donna Dee Berry

## THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

Life is somewhat like a game of baseball. If you quit batting just because you make a foul, you will never make a home run.

Too bad when so many women's faces become bill-boards to advertise some paint company.

Every time you start to wish for something, it might do you good to turn around and be thankful for what you already have.

Before you start grumbling about something that has gone wrong, just remember how many *more* things have gone right. Even tho they seem like little things, they would seem big if they had gone wrong.

—By Wilma Marrs.

## CHIANG KAI-SHEK: A MODERN MIRACLE

BY FAR the *greatest* personality in China today is Chiang Kai-Shek, that nation's Prime Minister and virtual Dictator. Barely ten years ago he was a Communist General, relentless, vindictive, cruel.

Swooping down suddenly upon a Chinese city he seized it with surprising ease; and allowed his undisciplined horde unbridled freedom as they looted the place.

Many Christians were hunted down and butchered. The terror-stricken inhabitants were subjected to rape and riot, violence and villainy.

The Hospital, erected by missionary efforts, was rifled, then burnt to the ground. The distressed doctor saw the work of thirty years reduced to charred ruins in twenty-four hours.

So Chiang Kai-Shek, glorying in his successful coup, began to plan other "victories."

"A foreign devil wishes to see you, General," said an orderly.

"Foreign devil? And still alive? Bring him in!"

It was the missionary doctor who now stood before the tyrant. "I have come to ask a favour, sir."

"And you will not get it, whatever you ask," was the curt reply. "What do you want?"

"My hospital is in ruins and my work is taken from me. May I have the privilege of tending and healing your wounded men?"

Absolutely astonished at such a request, the General gave him permission. Chiang Kai Shek told his wife of this truly amazing deed. She knew something of Christianity and at once said, "Oh, there is nothing wonderful in *that!* He is only putting into practice the doctrines of his religion."

There was a brief silence. The Communist General was doing some rapid thinking. He was the first to break the silence. "If *that* is what the foreign devil's religion really is,

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ese Bible stories are very interesting when they  
e thoroughly studied.

Lesson memory verse—Isaiah 41:6.

- How much did Joseph charge his brothers for  
corn?
- What did he put in Benjamin's sack?
- When the steward followed them and accused  
them, what did they tell him they would do?
- In whose sack was the cup?
- Why did they not want Benjamin to remain  
in Egypt?
- What did Judah offer to do if Joseph would  
let Benjamin go?
- How did Judah's story affect Joseph?
- Did they believe him when he said he was  
their brother?
- Did he let them go home?

For your scrapbook: Write a character sketch  
f Joseph. Paste your card.

### INTERMEDIATE LESSON No. 12, March 25. JOSEPH BRINGS HIS FATHER TO THE KING

Let us read Gen. 47:1-13 quite carefully so we  
an remember the story. Repeat the memory  
erse found in Exodus 20:12a.

- After Joseph told his brothers who he was,  
what did he tell them to do?
- What did Joseph tell Pharaoh? V. 1.
- How many of his brothers did he bring before  
the king?
- What did they tell him their occupation was?
- Where did Pharaoh tell them to dwell?
- Then whom did Joseph bring before the king?
- What did the king ask Jacob?
- How old did Jacob say he was?
- What did Jacob do for Pharaoh before he left?
- 0—Did Joseph take care of his relation? How?

For your scrapbook: Write, from memory, all  
he memory verses for the entire quarter. Then  
hoose one lesson of the twelve most interesting  
o you and tell it in your own words. Put your  
ard in also.

There are 13 cards this quarter but only 12  
abbaths. The extra card is very interesting.  
low many of you can learn the poem on the  
ack? The picture on the front is of Joseph as  
boy, dreaming. Behind him are his two dreams.  
ead Gen. 37:5-11. If time permits on the last  
abbath review briefly the lessons for the entire  
quarter.

To the Intermediate classes:

Let us all who have kept scrapbooks write in  
letter and tell us whether you have enjoyed  
eeping them. I would like to see them myself  
any of you would care to send them to me. I  
will return them if you want them back.

Mrs. Opal Williams, Branch, Mo.

ary. I am 13 years old and in the seventh grade at school. My teachers' names are Mr. Nelson and Miss Beight. I go to Jefferson Grade School.

I like to go to Sabbath School. My S. S. teacher's name is Ray Benight. He is a good teacher.

I will close with a puzzle: renhield byeo ouyr tnspera.

Your friend,

Alden Sheffield

(Do not let this be your last time to write. Thanks for the puzzle. —Editor).

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### OUR SABBATH SCHOOL

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One teacher writes: "Try letting each member of the intermediate class teach his own class one or two times a year. The teacher should remain in the class as a member. Of course, do not insist that they teach: some children may not care to, but I have found that most of them enjoy it occasionally and it adds variety."

Orafino, Neb.

Dear Missionary Readers,

As I haven't written to the Missionary for some time I decided to write today. I was certainly pleased to see so many letter in last week's Missionary. I hope other readers haven't neglected writing to the paper as I have.

In our Sabbath School we usually have an attendance of thirteen. The teacher of our class is Miss Gladys Presler. As we always plan to save some of the Missicnary for the coming week, we have some time till Sabbath School is over. As there are three of us we all get some questions and we are to know the answers next Sabbath. This helps but is also left a good deal of time. As we have a typewriter I print on both sides of history paper something that has to do with the Bible or a story or poem. I print enough copies to go around our class. I call this paper "The Little Dewdrops Class Paper" and we find this takes up most of the remaining time left. Sometimes, though, at nights when I do High School work or such it does not get printed. This takes up most of my spare time and as I like to make up stories and poems I am quite contented to print this paper.

I am thirteen years old and in the ninth grade. For pets I still have the crow I wrote about when Donna Berry was Editor of the Missionary. I also have a pet collie dog which is very playful and I did have a pair of pigeons till a cat killed them.

We had two nice littls snows this winter but we need more moisture bodily.

The last few days it has been very cold (around zero).