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Boob and Risty

The scene of our little story is in the moonlight, but it is not one that poets would care to picture. A heap of rubbish lies in a ditch by the roadside. Among the old rags, bottles and tin cans, we find the characters: an empty beer bottle which we shall name "Boob" and a cracked wine glass which we may well call "Risty." Conversation is starting.

(Risty) Hello Partner! How's life with you?

(Boob) Ho-Hum! Guess I've been napping. Don't even know how I came to be in this junk heap. But what of it? The place I came from wasn't much better. Ever been along that street south of the railroad tracks? I came from the last little old shack in the row. Shorty Jones lives there with a who get their faces washed slovenly wife and four children about once a week. They don't seem to mind that kind of a life, tho'. He earns enough money to buy bread and potatoes and all the beer they want to drink. Kind of a dull life, I'd say! Still, there was a little action last night. They'd been drinking for some time when Jones and his wife got in a fight. The children took sides and they had a regular free-for-all. Finally one of the boys got his face cut, so that quieted them down.

(Risty) Well, I belong to aristocracy. I've lived with the Franklin's in that large stone residence on fifth avenue for years. Swell society people they are. They never get drunk; they know just how much to drink. That is — no one sees them drunk, but I could tell you stories the newspapers don't know. Yes, I've graced the table for many a banquet where only the best wine was served. It's a gay life, if you can stand up under the strain, but Mrs. Franklin said the other night she was afraid some day

they might take just one drink too many. But I'm here now, because the other day one of the servants cracked me and of course I could never appear at the Franklin table again. Why, the missus would fairly—

(Boob) Say! Hear that? Whiz! Bang! Crash! Look! A big fine car and a little old jalopy collided. Watch out, or we'll be shattered into bits.

(Risty) Now that was a smash-up, and it came too close to us for comfort. Listen! I hear moans already. Let's watch when the ambulance arrives. This is exciting. See that fella crawl out from under the old jalopy; he's—

(Boob) Say! He looks familiar. That's Shorty Jones. Bet he can't move far.

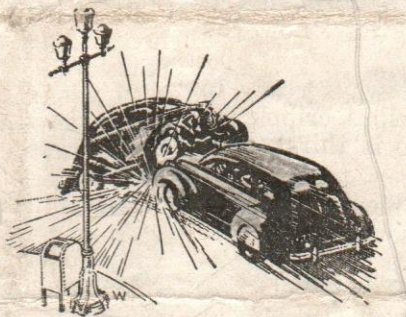
(Risty) Serves him right. He got what was comin' to him.

Well, here's the ambulance. They'll soon have Jones in the hospital. But the fella in the big car — oh! my! that's — why, it's Mr. Franklin. I'd know him anywhere. He looks like he'd never move again. The poor missus! What'll she do now?

(Boob) Well, they're gone. That's over. It didn't take long for that to happen. What do you say now, pard? Looks like drink does not respect one person more than another. Aristocrats and paupers pay alike.

(Risty) Yes, I guess the writer Paul, knew what he was talking about when he said, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

R. L.



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"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." Prov. 20:11.

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EDITORIAL

LESSONS FROM SIMPLE OBJECTS

Have you a dipper in the water bucket, always waiting to give you a clear, cool drink of water? It may be nice white enamel or just tin, but if it should not be in its place some day, how you would miss it!

Little boys and girls who are always ready to give an older person a lift, or help a cripple, or give the water of life to one who is thirsty, are real blessings.

Then there is the mop. There's nothing aristocratic about a mop. It never gets carefully laundered and put away like a linen tablecloth. It has the dirty work to do. Yet, this work must be done, so it is a very useful article.

We cannot all choose the delicate, easy tasks, can we? Some of us must be mops. Still we have a place in life and a work to do.

A pin is a very simple thing. Dozens can be purchased for a penny. Yet they are valuable. Did you ever catch your dress and make a big ugly tear in it, while you were on the street? Weren't you thankful for a pin at that minute? There are hundreds of times when pins come in handy.

A pin without a head isn't much good, is it? It must also be sharp. And what about being bright? A rusty pin is very dangerous. It can cause bloodpoisoning, if it pricks your hand. A pin isn't worth much unless it is straight. We generally throw crooked pins away.

Who hasn't use for a bright, straight pin which is sharp and has a good head!

What a work there is for bright boys and girls who always walk in the straight way, who have keen minds and use them.

Let's ever be ready for service like the humble little pin.

THE GOOD PARTNER

Polly looked at the big umbrella standing behind the door in her grandmother's quaint old house, and sighed.

"It's that or else, Polly," laughed Grandmother, "you can't go out in a rain like this without protection."

"I know, Grandmother," Polly returned, "but that old-fashioned umbrella of Grandfather's is as big as a tent."

"It is large," agreed Grandmother, "and for that reason alone I often call it my good partner."

"Good partner," repeated Polly, "that's a funny thing to call an umbrella."

"Maybe you'd better carry it," returned the old lady, "and see if you can discover the reason I call it by that name."

Polly took another glance through the window, and reached for the big black umbrella. Surely it would keep her dry so she could go to school.

A few minutes later, Polly was on the street, looking neither to the right nor to the left. Somehow she could not help but feel embarrassed carrying such an old-fashioned umbrella as the one she was hiding under. The only thing she found to be glad about was the fact that she had no friends in the village. Polly was a timid child, and did not make friends readily. Besides, she was a newcomer in Brownsville, so she was acquainted with only a few of the girls on her street.

Suddenly a gate right before her opened and a hooded girl darted out. She saw Polly, and paused.

"I wish I had a big umbrella like yours," she said pleasantly, "so I could get to school and keep dry."

"You are welcome to share mine," Polly answered quickly, "step right under."

At the next corner, Polly and Mary overtook Sally Jones, and immediately asked her to share the big umbrella. By the time the big black shelter reached school, four little girls were chattering and laughing together like old friends.

And that was not all. Throughout the day the three little girls to whom Polly had given shelter on the trip to school, took it upon themselves to make her acquainted with all their friends. A strange joy filled Polly's soul, and when she returned home that afternoon her face was wreathed in smiles.

"Well," laughed Grandmother, "I don't know what's happened, but I can see you've had a nice day at school."

"Indeed I have, Grandmother, and it is all because of that big umbrella of yours." Then Polly hesitated, and her eyes began to twinkle with merriment. "I understand now, Grandmother," she exclaimed happily, "why you call it the good partner."

"Are you sure?" Grandmother smiled.

"Isn't it because it's big enough to share with others?" Polly asked eagerly.

"Yes," said Grandmother, "and strange to say, I never use it that I don't have a chance to share it with some one."

"Please, Grandmother," Polly interrupted soft-



"Being then made free from sin, ye Stanberry, Missouri, July 21, 1941 became the servants of righteousness."

YOUTH In GOD'S SERVICE

We that are youths today, should render our service unto God. We can not all be preachers but we can do our best in the work that we have to do. God said that it was best for a man to bear his yoke while he is in his youth.

Youth has ambition, an eager yearning for learning and accomplishment. This ambition grows dimmer as we grow older. Youth seems to offer more interest and places more trust and faith in what they do and believe.

David stated as a youth he placed his faith in God. He never lost his faith nor did he become afraid. He was positive that God would protect him. So when the giant defied God, David felt it should not be allowed, so he asked God who had always helped and cared for him to give him strength to go and fight the giant. He wanted to show the giant that God was still his helper. So on went David to meet the giant. When Saul asked David to put on the armor, he did so, but it did not fit, and David felt that he had no right to wear it. Instead of this armor David took his favorite sling and started toward the giant. While walking along the brook he picked up a few stones. David did trust in the Lord, just as we youth of today must do. Taking these few stones and his sling he went to meet the giant. With God's help he slew the giant.

Us young people of today while working should improve our time by the things we do. It will be a help to us in our later life. If we do not learn while young, it is much harder to learn when we are old. Let us all take a lesson from the boy David and do all we can for our Master while there is yet time. —Ruth J.

—THESE COUNT—

Not what we have, but what we use;
Not what we see, but what we choose.
These are the things that mar or
bless
The sum of human happiness.
The things near-by, not the things
afar;
Not what we seem, but what we are.

These are the things that make or
break,
That gives the heart its joy or ache.

Not as we take, but as we give;
Not as we pray, but as we "Live."
These are the things that make for
peace,
Both now and after Time shall cease.
—F. Dutcher (Sel.).

Act Today

Why not put off until tomorrow what we can do today? Some may think this is all right, and practice it every day, but what are the results? Some will grow careless and neglectful and will continue to do this without being conscious of it.

You may apply it to the Christian life. If you keep saying, "Well I guess I won't read the Bible today, I can read tomorrow when I feel more like it." Perhaps tomorrow you may feel worse, or else you will have something else to do. The result would undoubtedly be a slack Christian life even if you were a Christian in every other respect. You know not what the morrow may bring forth. You have no assurance of even living until a new day shall dawn. So—if you keep putting aside your Christian duties, you will fall in a rut which will be hard to get out of. It's always easy to fall down, but it isn't so easy to get up again.

Remember this verse: "And now Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee." Ps. 39:7. Especially as we read James 4:14 we see the need of having our hope in God. He only can give life. —By Lester Moore.

KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE

(Continued from last week)

In Acts 8th chapter is a verse we shall consider. Philip had been preaching to the Samaritans and working miracles and baptizing men and women. Peter and John were sent down there to lay hands on the believers that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Simon the Sorcerer offered money for the same power in the laying on of hands. Notice Peter's answer. "But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee. . . Thou hast neither part nor lot in this mat-

ter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God." Vs. 20-21. And what was the advice given him, "Repent therefore, and pray God, if perhaps the *thought* of thine heart may be forgiven thee." V. 22. Yes, even the thoughts of the heart, when not right in God's sight, need to be confessed and forgiveness asked for. Many may think that only the wrong things that we actually do and commit need to be confessed, but more than that, evil thoughts need to be confessed too.

David said, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23-24. Is this your prayer too? Do you invite God to know your every thought and search your heart or would you rather He would not look into your inner-most being and see what your really are?

In Prov. 23 speaking of man, when it says "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he," it doesn't mean that if he thinks he is righteous or good it makes him so. Rather the kind of thoughts we dwell on denote what kind of person we are. If we think evil thoughts we are evil before God. If our mind loves to meditate on pure and righteous things we will follow after righteousness.

Jesus told the Pharisees, "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt and his fruit corrupt: for a tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart and mouth speaketh. A good man out of the treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Matt. 12: 33-35. And so we might say our hearts are the greenhouses in which sprout the shoots that grow into tree that bring forth either evil fruit or good fruit. According to the fruit is the reward—either eternal life or eternal death.

Solomon said: "Keep thy heart with all diligence (or above all keeping); for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23 Our heart is the most important thing for us to keep or guard, lest evil thoughts creep in and cause

us to err in conduct and thus sin against the Lord and we be lost to die the eternal death. When Solomon said, "Out of it (the heart) are the issues of life," he didn't mean that eternal life originates and comes from the heart, but that according to the condition of the heart we will be rewarded. Paul said, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9-10.

Does this mean that all we have to do is just claim we believe in Jesus and in some testimony meeting get up and testify to the same, and then we will be saved? Indeed not, for if in our lives we do not bring forth righteousness such a testimony would be a lie. All true believing cannot help but be lived out in the life of the believer. There isn't such a thing as dormant or hibernating faith except in a dead faith. "Faith without works is dead." So in our believing unto righteousness, we not only believe Jesus died for our sins, but we believe in and unto righteous living. Such believing goes far enough to act in bearing fruits of righteousness. The true believer follows after righteousness and is a servant of righteousness, first in righteous thoughts and then in righteous living.

In 1 Chron. 28:9 notice David's admonition and warning to his son Solomon. "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thought: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee: but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever."

We must serve God with a perfect and willing heart. We cannot please Him if our heart is divided — half for the world and half for the Lord. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matt. 22:37.

We must fully yield to God and His Word. Our whole heart, soul, mind and will must be set on serving Him. Did you ever know anyone who ever went into any kind of business half-heartedly that made a success of it? Neither can anyone make a success of the Christian life if they do not put their "all" into it. Many have tried it and failed — they tried to hang on to things that did not please God and at the very same time tried, after a fashion, to be a Christian. The Bible plainly says we cannot serve two masters. God wants our heart's undivided attention.

set on Him.

In 2 Chron. 16:9 we are told, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. . . ." Quite likely you have heard the song, "There's an Eye Watching You." And as this great eye of the Creator looks down into your life, down into your heart, does it find your heart perfect — fully fixed and determined to serve Him? If our heart is not perfect with the Lord we are sure to sin against Him.

We read of Solomon in 1 iKngs 11 after these words, "For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father." And what did he do when his heart was in this condition? Verse 6 says, "And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not *fully* after the Lord, as did David his father."

Some people seem to think that if they follow the Lord just partly and not fully that they should be saved anyway. But God is not pleased with this kind of services at all. He was not pleased with Solomon when he went not fully and whole-heartedly after Him, and therefore said He would rend the kingdom from his son besides stirring up an adversary to trouble and punish Solomon.

God has warned, "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them." Deut. 11:16. And verse 18 in part, "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words, in your heart and in your soul. . ." If you think there is no danger of serving other gods in this day, read Col. 3:5 where Paul speaks of "covetousness, which is idolatry." And since covetousness is idolatry, the thing coveted is therefore made an idol. It is not wrong to like to have and desire the good things of this life but when our desire for anything gets so strong that in our striving after it we put it ahead of serving God we make an idol of that thing and are idolaters. We may laugh at the heathen for worshipping idols, but there are many people today who claim to be Christians who covet things of the world, and according to Paul are idolaters.

It is well that we consider more of the words of David who was called the man after God's own heart. He said, "Blessed are the undefiled (perfect or sincere) in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and seek him (to what extent?) with the whole heart." Ps. 119:1-2. Further he says, "Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and

I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way." Ps. 119:33-37. May this be the prayer of all who read these words. Let us ask God to help us delight in serving Him with our whole heart and to help us never to be covetous, but turn our eyes from the abundant vanities of this sinful world and quicken—make us fully alive and conscious of His righteous and life-giving ways.

David also said, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. . . I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. A froward heart shall depart from me. . ." Ps. 101:2-4. Can you say these same words in truth? Is your heart right and perfect with God? In Rev. 2:23 the Lord says, "I am he which searcheth the reins and heart: and I will give unto everyone of you according to your works." Jesus said in Matt. 16:27, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." We are not to be rewarded according to what we claim to be or claim to believe, but according to our actual works. If our heart is right with God we will follow after and work righteousness and by faith in Christ's shed blood be imputed or counted righteous.

My friend, may you never be in the class of people spoken of in Rom. 1:21 of whom it is said, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Don't harden your heart against God. Don't grieve His Spirit. Let Jesus come into your heart by faith and serve Him with singleness of heart.

Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20. Don't you hear Him pleading with you to let Him come into your heart and rule your life? But remember it is up to you to open the door and let Him in, for He will not force His way in. To open the door you must confess your sins, forsake them and let Him cleanse you and fill you with His Spirit and give you a new heart.

Further Jesus says, "If any man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father and I will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23. Yes, we must be willing to keep His word,

obey it, for therein do we show we love Him. It is then that the peace of God can rule in our hearts and give the divine consolation found in Christ.

I beg you not to turn away from God's Word and be lost, but rather hide it in your heart that you might not sin against Him. Study your Bible and seek after righteousness. The Lord says, "—to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembleth at word." Isa. 66:2. —L.

Y. P. LESSON

—OBEDIENCE—

Memory Verse: Isaiah 1:19.

- 1—Whom must we obey? Acts
- 2—Why must we obey Him? Jer.
- 3—Will we be rewarded if we obedient? Deut. 11:27; Ex.
- 4—How does Peter feel about the obedient? 1 Peter 4:17-18.
- 5—What does Peter say about ing our own ideas of how things? 1 Peter 1:14.
- 6—Does obedience need go any er than outward showing? 10:5.
- 7—How far should we go with ence? or in other words, should we obey only when convenient? Phil. 2:8.
- 8—Will others notice if we obey Him? Rom. 16:19.
- 9—In what ways will our obedience or disobedience affect others? Rom. 5:19.
- 10—Is obedience the duty of only a select few? 2 Sam. 22:45.
- 11—What was Christ's example of obedience? Heb. 5:8.
- 12—Is it all right to do wrong if we make up for it afterwards? 1 Sam. 15:22.
- 13—In what way did Israel bring about their ruin? Dan. 9:10-11.
- 14—What is the inevitable end of the child of disobedience? Deut. 11:28; Ex. 23:21-22; 2 Thess. 1:8.

—Pearl Marrs

A HIDDEN VERSE

This verse has 16 words in it.

The 14th words is the 5th word in Exodus 20:8.

The 2nd word is the 17th word of Deut. 9:3.

The last word is the 25th of Matt. 17:12.

The first word of this verse is the first word of Ezekiel 10:16.

The 13th is the 26th from the last of Nehemiah 10:32.

The 3rd & 12th words of this verse are the first word of the 15th verse of Psalm 115.

The 8th word of this verse is the first word of the 3rd verse of Prov. 6.

The 15th word is the 1st syllable of the 14th word of Gen. 32:16.

The 7th word of this verse is the 19th word of John 3:16. The 9th word is the 8th of Exodus 20:5.

The 5th word is the 7th word of Exodus 20:12. The 11th word is the 4th from last of Exodus 20:9.

The 6th word is the 7th word of Exodus 20:6.

The 10th word of this verse is the 17th of Genesis 48:21.

The 4th word is the 37th of Luke 13:34.

Compare your answer with Luke 6:32.

—By Norma Chipman.

From Iowa

Dear Friends:

It has been some time since I last sent anything to the Y. P. F. so I will try to write a little.

The chain letter which was started after the Bassett Campmeeting was the victim of an accident and after a slight delay was started on its way again. As it missed some of the members on the first round it has been re-routed and will not reach some of you as soon as it otherwise would have but it will get there.

If any of you other readers would like to join this letter you will be welcome. Just address me at Marion, Iowa and I will add your name to the list as soon as I can catch up with the letter.

How many of you are planning to go to Campmeeting? I am planning to go but it is so hard to get hired help that sometimes it seems almost wishful thinking.

I was glad to see so many letters in the last paper. I like to hear from other young people in other states as there are not many in this one.

Well I must close and leave room for others.

A Christian friend,
Weston Carver

From California

Dear Readers of the Missionary and Y. P. Friend, Greetings:

I have just enjoyed reading April 28th papers with so many good that. As "Aunt Lena" says there are so many good and pretty things to enjoy "if we will look for them." That means we must train ourselves (with Jesus' help) to keep a smiling face, and be cheerful even tho in trouble, or we can not do as we would like.

Sometimes the things we have wanted very much to do would not be best. Sometimes our disappointments turn out to be hidden blessings. So let us do the best we can at all times and then trust the rest to God. He knows the end from the beginning, and knows what is best.

The thought that God only loans us our life is good. What kind of a return will we make?

Another calls the written talks of Jesus "Letters to us." And they are such extra good letters. We can read them over and over and often get new lessons from them. And if we read them enough we can get them printed in our "mind's storehouse" to be a constant companion as though Jesus were talking to our hearts. And if thus printed, no persecutions or troubles can take them from us. God has said He would do this for us.

I wonder how many of you realize what wonderful minds God has given us. It is truly wonderful how much can be stored in them. You view a wonderful scene or go thru some in-

Dear Readers:

Isn't our paper becoming more interesting each week? The letters from old friends and new ones are very encouraging. I believe we are all like Mary Peaslee, in that we read the letters first.

It is encouraging to know there are so many young people trying to live right and to know that many plan to come to Campmeeting. I wish all of us could be at Campmeeting but since it is not likely to be possible, we pray that those who can not come will receive a blessing in their homes. We know that when the Lord comes nothing will prevent those who are worthy from being gathered together.

Last week I spent a few days in the country away from the noise and rush of the town. It seems one can feel the presence of God more out in the quiet of the country where the handiwork is mostly God's, not man's. Perhaps some people don't think they would feel God's presence in the country but if they would keep watch they would find it there.

My sister and I have started our "Do-Without" Envelope. I think it is a good idea and hope others follow that plan.

Let us all pray for all plans of God's work and for more faith to overcome the trials of these last days.

A fellow reader,

Faye Lippincott

P. S. If anyone knows where the chain letter which was started two years ago at Campmeeting is, or know anything concerning it, please make it known.

interesting experiences that impress you, and it is tucked away in your mind so you can recall and see these again and again. And so it is with many many things stored up as life goes on—we see and learn more and more.

Are we all as careful as we should be to only go to good places, and thus store up good things?

The article on "Standing Alone" also impressed me. We must stand for Bible Truth and harmony even tho we stand alone. And that is why I have tried since the light came to us in 1901 to get our dear brethren to see and understand Matt. 26:17; Mark 14:12 and Luke 22:7, 14. John accords tho not so clearly. The Bible accounts tho not so clearly. The Bible accounts can all be harmonized with themselves but not with some of man's notions of how it should be.

But praise God! some have accepted the true harmony, so we are not alone now. May the good work go on.

I feel quite alone religiously, for while there are many around me (even members of family) who profess Christianity, they turn from God's holy way to teach and live the days and ways of mammon. This makes my heart very sad indeed. But all we can do is to pray that God's will will be heeded before it is too late.

Writing to our papers help this pent-up feeling, but I must not write too much to crowd out younger writers. However I am only a girl grown up—young in spirit even tho stiff and often suffering in body. I rejoice to know that if we keep faithful to the end we will know no more pain or sorrow.

May we all strive to be obedient and faithful to God, is my prayer.

Katie Louchs Gilstrap

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From Colorado

Dear Y. P. in the Master's service:

I am trying by the Lord's help to lead the young people here (Canon city). We give a program the first Sabbath in each month. Our next program is to be on the liquor question; not only that but all things in-temperate.

I am getting quite a bit of help from the Y. P. Y. Maybe our young people as a whole think they are not doing much by sending these poems and articles. But listen, young people, some one is getting help and inspiration from them so come on and be a booster for the Y. P. F. You showed by your action last summer at Bassett you wanted a weekly paper, so "flood" the office—so to speak—with material.

Let us all go forward with the work that has been started. It will go far with the Gen. Conf. Committee when the question of the paper comes up again. You may not be the world's greatest writer but an honest effort is

worth something. So get busy and see if you can find some nice poems or if not send in some nice little articles to fill up the paper. Give our Y. P. F. editor one of the biggest surprises of his life.

Mrs. Frank M. Walker

QUESTION DEPARTMENT

What is the unpardonable sin?

* * *

Solo: "I Know that He Cares for Me" Edna Mae Sigrist.

A test concerning songs Lettie Mae.

Duet: "Speak My Lord," Avis and Delvin LaVane O'Banion.

Talk: Lawrence Christenson.

Double Duet "Be A Light."

Variation: "Some Sweet Day By & By" Genevieve Moore.

Playlet: "Thinking things Thru", Genevieve Moore, Fae & Lettie Lippincott.

Duet: "If Christ Should Come," Bro. & Sister Christenson.

Dismissed by Opal Williams.

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EDITORIAL

Possibly some of you read the letter President Roosevelt received from a man who would "rather be an American than anything else on earth." It may have appeared in more than one newspaper. Taken from the St. Joseph Gazette it read as follows:

"Dear President Roosevelt: I am a married man, twenty-eight years old; have a boy, three; a girl, one. Here's how I feel about being an American: "My ancestors were Czecho-Slovaks, my wife's English; but we're Americans.

"I look at my refrigerator, my oil heater, and my radio. I'm glad I'm an American.

"My children get cod liver oil, nourishing food and a doctor's watchful care. They'll be glad they're Americans.

"This morning I went to church among my neighbors, unafraid and unmolested. I thanked God for giv-

ing us America.

"I went home to my wife and kiddies. My little boy, Douglas, came running and said: 'Hi, pop. You gonna take me to see the ribber.'

"And I said, 'Sure, Doug; I'll take you to see the river.'

"And we'll stand on the bridge and see the cars, pop.'

"Sure, Doug.'

"Pop, see the sun. Look, see pop.

"Yes, Doug; the sun's shining on America.'

After our walk we came home and down to veal chops, baked potato-green beans and corn on the cob. I'd grace with tears in my eyes. So happy I'm an American.

This afternoon we listened to a broadcast of British children, in America, talking to their folks in England, and I was proud to be an American.

Tomorrow I'll go to work. I work electrotype foundry, and I love it. I made it, in fact, from errand boy to production manager in ten years. I had ideas and I told 'em about them. He's an American. Last night, before going to bed, I told my wife: 'Honey, I'm going to buy a big flag and hang it out the window on Friday. The president wants everyone to pledge allegiance to a new and united America. And, honey, I'm going to do my part, because I'd rather be an American than anything else on earth.'"

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There are a number of interesting things in this letter. The man who wrote it seemed to realize his blessings and was thankful. That is more than we can say of many people, for the Bible predicted that in the last days many would be "unthankful." This man was thankful he could go to church unmolested and unafraid, and he returned thanks at the table (notice) "with tears in his eyes." Yes, he *was* thankful.

I wonder to what degree we are thankful we are Americans and live in the "land of the free and home of the brave"?

What is your answer to the question: "What is the most important thing that makes you glad you're an American"? Surely you'll say, Because we have freedom of worship — "religious liberty." Are we making full use of this wonderful opportunity? If we don't, won't God require it of us?

Yes, we should be thankful we were born in America, but there is something we should be more thankful about than that, and that is, we can be and should be and (I hope all of us really are) thankful that God gave His Son to die for sinners that we might have eternal life.

Let us always be full of thanksgiving to the Lord, not only for temporal blessings, but more important the spiritual blessings and opportunities.

ly, "I want one just like yours for my very own."
—Storytime.

Loyal Juniors

A CONTEST FOR LOYAL JUNIORS

There are two parts to this contest. First, tell the authors of these sayings:

1. Lost time is never found again.
2. A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
3. Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man.
4. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.
5. For some are born to do great deeds, and live as some are born to be obscured and die.
6. Princes and lords may flourish or may fade—
A breath can make them, as a breath has made.
7. Pray without ceasing.
8. Cowards die many times before their death.

Secondly, select any one of the eight and write a short story or composition to illustrate the truth of that one saying.

Then send your list and your story to the editor. If you cannot find the correct answers to all eight, send as many as you can. The one sending the most correct answers and best article will win.

WHO SAID—?

- 1—"Where is he that is born king of the Jews?"
- 2—"Go and search diligently—"
- 3—"Love your enemies."
- 4—"What will ye give me, and I will deliver him?"
- 5—"Not so, but he shall be called John."
- 6—"Neither do I condemn thee."
- 7—"Oh, Father, if it be possible—"
- 8—"Silver and gold have I none."
- 9—"Ye have a watch."
- 10—"Tabitha, arise!"

—V. Ahlborn.

(Answers on another page)

A CONTEST FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN

Here are some questions for those who are not past twelve years old:

1. How many books are there in the Bible?
2. How many sons did Jacob have?
3. What are the beatitudes?
4. Who was David?
5. Who was Moses?

Answer the questions on one sheet of paper. Then on another sheet, write a letter and tell what you plan to do this summer, or tell something interesting that you did last summer. This will not be hard, will it? Send your answers and letters to the editor. There will be first and second prizes for the winners. Get busy today.

THE TRUTH IN THE MIRROR

Long ago—yes, it must have been long ago, because the people who lived in this village had never seen or heard of a looking-glass. They couldn't see themselves, and so they did not know what their faces were like.

Now, in one of the homes of this village there lived two children, a brother and a sister. They were very fond of each other and vowed they would always be companions and never love anyone else.

One day a pedlar, selling all kinds of fancy ornaments and such things, came to the village. The boy was very interested in the pedlar, and got up early in the morning to see him again; but he was disappointed, for the pedlar had left at sunrise.

As the boy was walking home, he saw something sparkling in the dust of the road. He picked it up rather nervously. It was a hand mirror which had fallen out of the pedlar's pack. The boy had never seen such a thing before, and when he examined it, he nearly dropped it with surprise, for there was a face looking at him. "It is like my father's face," he said. "How strange! There is magic in this thing." So folding it carefully in his handkerchief he put it in his pocket, and when he got home hid it in an earthenware jug in his bedroom. He was very excited about it, but said nothing to his sister.

But his sister began to notice that he was always slipping away from his games to go to his bedroom, and when he returned he had a look of wonder in his eyes. She guessed he had a secret somewhere, and she made up her mind to discover it. Later she spied on her brother, and saw him take something out of the earthenware jug, look at it for a long time, and then put it carefully back in its hiding place. A soon as her brother was out of the way, she ran to his room, locked in the jug, and found the mirror. She examined it and saw in it the face of a girl! So this was her brother's secret—he loved another girl. She flew into a passion, and looking again into the mirror, wondered how her brother could love such an ugly, bad-tempered-looking girl as this girl in the mirror.

When her brother came home, she went to him in a temper, and told him what she had found. "So this is the way you keep your promise to me . . . You love another girl."

The brother was surprised at this. "No, it isn't a girl's face; it is the face of my father that I see in the magic thing."

"Well, I know it is a girl's face, an ugly, bad-tempered girl, too." And so they quarreled for three days.

Both were very unhappy. Then the boy tried to make up. "You are not fair to me," he said; "it isn't a girl's face. Come with me and see for yourself." So together they went and looked into the mirror.

"Why," said the girl, "it is your face! But the girl?"

"Oh!" said the boy, "that is your face."
"Then it is both our faces," they laughed and the faces in the mirror laughed back at them.

And that was the end of the quarrel; and a very silly quarrel it was.

Well, most quarrels are as silly as that, due to a misunderstanding, that causes so much unhappiness. We would see how silly it is to quarrel if only we put our heads together as these two children did and looked at the cause of the quarrel—a fuss about nothing.

A friend of Jesus once had a rather quarrelsome disposition. But after he had lived with Jesus for a little while he learned differently, and wrote a letter about loving one another. It is in our New Testament. This is what he learned from Jesus: "Love one another."

—By Harold Bickley (Sel.)

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MOSES

When Moses was a baby, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had every baby boy killed. Moses' mother put him in an ark made of bulrushes and hid it along the river in the flags. She had his sister watch him.

One day the king's daughter was walking along with her maid and saw the baby in the flags. She told Moses' sister to go and get someone to nurse the baby, so she went and got the baby's mother.

The king's daughter kept Moses until he was grown. Then God chose him to lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt, but Pharaoh would not let Moses and his people go. So God had ten plagues come upon the land and Pharaoh let Moses and his people go. Because Moses, thru prayer, divided the Red Sea, they crossed on dry land.

The people lived in the wilderness for many years. God sent them manna for food and gave them springs for water.

The Lord called Moses upon Mt. Sinai and gave him the Ten Commandments which God had written with His finger on two tables of stone. Moses lived to be a hundred and twenty years old and died on Mt. Nebo. —Raymond Palmer

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ANSWERS TO "WHO SAID—?"

1. Wise men, Matt. 1. 2. Herod, Matt. 1; 3. Jesus, Matt. 5:44; 4. Judas Iscariot, Matt. 26:15; 5. Elizabeth, Luke 1:60; 6. Jesus, John 8:10; 7. Jesus, Matt. 26:39; 8. Peter, Acts 3:6; 9. Pilate, Matt. 27:65; 10. Peter, Acts 9:40.

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PRIMARY LESSON for June 14, 1941

Lesson Study: Acts 13:44-52; Gal. 3:26-29.

Memory Verse: "Ye are the light of the world."

TELLING THE GOOD NEWS

Years ago when Paul and Barnabas were preaching many people came to church to hear them. Nearly all the people in one city came. Some of the Jews did not like it because Paul and Barnabas preached to all the people. They did not believe in Jesus and didn't want them to preach about Him.

Paul and Barnabas were loyal to Jesus so they told the people the wonderful things that He had

done when He was here. Many of the people liked what Paul told them. He got after the Jews and told them that the gospel was meant for them. But because the Jews did not want to hear it the Lord told Paul to preach to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were the people who did not know about God. Paul told the wicked Jews that they were not worthy of everlasting life. The Gentile people were glad to hear the news about the Gospel and they learned to love the Lord.

When the Jews saw that the Gentiles were believing what Paul said, they became very angry. They told the chief men of the city about it. Then the chief men made Paul and Barnabas leave the city. So they left, but they were brave men. They did not stop preaching about Jesus. They went to different parts of the country and preached the good news.

The two disciples were filled with joy from the Lord because they knew they had done God's will.

We know that the gospel is to be preached to everyone today and not to just certain people.

Questions to Answer

1. Who did not like the way Paul preached?
2. Why didn't they like it?
3. Whom was the gospel first meant for?
4. Why was it preached to the Gentiles?
5. What did the Jewish leaders do to Paul and Barnabas.
6. Were Paul and Barnabas sad?

SOMETHING TO DO

Do we let our lights shine for Jesus? Do we love and serve Him? Today we are going to make some candles out of paper to remind us to always do good and let our light shine. Cut out and color a paper candle holder and candle and paste them together. Then cut out a flame and color and paste it on the top of your candle. Your teacher will help you do this.

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INTERMEDIATE LESSON, June 14

Lesson Reading: Acts 26:4-5.

Memory Verse: Acts 26:4.

PAUL'S SCHOOL

Let us read and study the entire twenty-sixth chapter of Acts. Paul has been and still is a prisoner. He is allowed to speak for himself, in this chapter.

- 1—How had Paul lived in his youth? Verse 5. (Teacher explain).
- 2—Why had Paul been accused by the Jews? Verses 7, 8; 20-21.
- 3—To what part of Paul's life do verses 9-11 refer? (He was then called Saul).
- 4—What happened on his way to Damascus? Verses 12-15.
- 5—What was to be Paul's mission?
- 6—To whom?
- 7—Did he carry it out? Verses 19-20.
- 8—With what result? Verse 21.
- 9—What effect did Paul have on Agrippa? V. 28.
- 10—What did Paul answer? Verse 29.
- 11—What did Paul mean by "except these bonds"?