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Harley's Question

Harley was looking at pictures. There was one of soldiers marching. My, but they looked grand with their banners flying!

Then there were pictures of great guns pointing to the sky and squadrons of airplanes ready to drop bombs. It looked very exciting.

But when Daddy explained that these things mean that many people would be killed, and beautiful buildings would be destroyed, and thousands and thousands of people made unhappy, he did not like the pictures.

The next time Harley went to church and when the minister began to talk about war, he listened very attentively, but there was a good deal he didn't understand.

When he came home, he said, "The minister said some day there wouldn't be war any more. When will that be?"

"Not until men have peace in their hearts," said Daddy. But Harley wasn't sure he knew what that meant either.

Next day when he came home from school, he had a bright red spot on one cheek. By supper-time it was an ugly blue and green.

"What is the matter with your face, Harley?" asked his mother.

"Jim Jordan hit me," said Harley fiercely.

"Why did he hit you?"

"Because I wouldn't let him have my marbles. He swiped four of them and I made him give them back.

"Hasn't Jimmy marbles of his own?"

"No. His brother took his."

"I hope you didn't strike back," said Mother.

Harley hung his head. Then he looked up and said boldly, "Well, I wasn't letting him hit me in the face."

"Did you strike back?" asked Mother again.

"No," said Harley, "but I kicked him."

He was afraid Mother would reprove him for that, but just then Daddy asked him, "How much do marbles cost?"

"Four for a cent," said Harley.

"How much money do you have every week?"

"You give me ten cents and I put one in my tithe box, so that leaves me nine to spend.

Sometimes Mother and Uncle Jack and Grandpa give me some too."

"But you can always count on nine cents to spend, can't you?"

"Yes," nodded Harley, wondering what Daddy meant.

"How much is four times nine?" asked Daddy.

"Thirty-six," said Harley promptly.

"Then if you wanted to, you could buy thirty-six marbles with just one week's allowance. Don't you think it would have been more sensible to give Jim the four marbles that he wanted?"

"For nothing?" said Harley.

"Not for nothing," said Daddy, "but for peace. Jim's brother took his marbles and that was wrong. Jim took yours and that was wrong too. But it didn't make it right for him to hit you. It only made things worse. Then you kicked him and that was worse still. That was a fight, wasn't it?"

"Well, yes," admitted Harley.

"So now you dislike each other and will be all the more ready to fight again."

"I don't want him to take my marbles," said Harley.

"You'd rather have a fight than lose one cent's worth of marbles, would you?"

"He'd feel pretty good if I'd give him my marbles," said Harley.

"And you'd feel better still if you'd give them to him. I'm sure it would make you quite happy and then you would be having a friend instead of an enemy."

Harley ate his supper in silence. Then he said slowly, "I guess I'd better offer him half of my marbles."

"A war, Son," said Daddy, "is only a big fight. Sometimes there is a war between right and wrong and then we must always stand for the right. But too often one nation wants what another has, just as Jimmy thought he ought to have some of your marbles, because you have plenty and he had none.

"If nations would love one another and be generous and share, instead of hating and coveting, they would be like brothers and we'd have no wars."

"When will that be?" asked Harley again.

"Well," said Daddy, smiling, "if all little boys

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EDITORIAL

WHICH?

What season of the year do you like best? Spring with its early flowers and fluffy chicks? Summer when you can go swimming? Autumn with its harvest of pumpkins and nuts? Or do you prefer winter's sleighing and pleasant evenings around the fireside? Maybe, though, you don't live where you have snow to play in. If not, what do you enjoy? When you write your next letter to the Missionary, tell us what season you like best.

Yesterday we went riding in the country. When we saw the gorgeous red, yellow and brown colors in the timber, I thought maybe Autumn is my favorite season. God is a wonderful painter. Then the supply of apples, pears and pumpkins for Mother to make preserves and pies, nuts for you children to pick up and corn for Daddy to harvest make us realize how generous God is.

HARLEY'S QUESTION

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settled their quarrels the way you and Jimmy are going to settle yours, and always be generous and have love in their hearts instead of hate, when they grow up there wouldn't be anybody to fight. Love in all our hearts would put an end to war."

What puzzled Harley was how to go about making it up with Jim. Then he had an idea.

"Jim's a dandy hopscotch player," he said. "Could I telephone for him to come over tomorrow after school and help make a diagram on walk?"

"Certainly," said Daddy.

"I guess," said Harley, "he'd like it better to be friends first and I could give him the marbles afterward." —By Etta Schlichter (Sel.)

SONNY'S LESSON

It wasn't time, but mother said, "Go wash your face and run to bed."

I was too cross to say my prayers; I thought for once, God shouldn't care.

The room was dreary, dark and lone. I heard the nearest elm tree groan.

I thought I heard the bold wind say, "Poor Sonny Jones forgot to pray."

I pulled the covers up real tight Trying to sleep in all my fright

I closed my eyes and counted sheep But even then, I could not sleep.

My little heart pumped hard and fast, I did not want the scare to last.

So I kneeled down beside my bed And talked awhile to God instead.

And then I wasn't scared a bit Soon all my sleeping troubles quit.

—By Elsie Eash (Sel.)

"DARE TO BE A DANIEL"

A young man, son of a president of a college, was leaving his home in America for Paris, to take up a special course of study in surgery. As he was saying "good-by," the girl to whom he was engaged said softly, "Good-by, Charles. Dare to be a Daniel."

Shortly after reaching France the young student was invited to a great doctor's house, to meet some of the leading surgeons of the city. At the dinner table a gentleman filled his glass with wine and, as a compliment to the youthful visitor, said, "Let us drink to the mothers, daughters, and sweethearts of America," at the same time telling a servant to fill the young man's glass with red wine.

Charlie wrote to his mother: "Mother," he said, "for a moment I was in agony. I would rather have faced a cannon. All had risen, and in the hand of each was a glass of the wine I had promised not to touch, taste, or handle. My head seemed to swim, and I was on the point of taking up the dreadful glass, when I clearly heard the words, 'Dare to be a Daniel.' They shot through my head like an electric flash. I filled another glass with water and, rising, said as well as I could for the great lump in my throat, 'I beg leave to say that to the mothers, daughters, and sweethearts of America the purity of this sparkling water illustrates the lives they aim to lead, and I ask permission to use it in their dear names. Every glass of wine was instantly put on the table, and the toast was drunk from glasses filled with water."

What a victory! What a lesson to each one of us to do what is right in every case. Whenever temptation comes, let us resolve to be true to our colors, as Charles was, and perhaps by our faithfulness we may be the means of leading others to do right. —American Boy.



"Therefore being justified by faith,

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we have peace with God..." Rom. 5:1.

ORGANIZING ABILITY

We will suppose that you have been chosen leader of a group of Christian young people. It is up to you to keep them together and everything rolling. The first thing to do is to ask God to guide you and show you what is right to do. God will not help a lazy person so you must get busy and study each individual as well as the group. When you have found out what they like and are willing to co-operate in doing, form a definite idea of what you want to accomplish. Then make a plan by which this may be accomplished. It will do no good to make a plan if it is not carried out. Although you have the greatest responsibility, give each one something to be responsible for.

Make everything as interesting as possible. Help each one to be interested in his friends' salvation and urge them to come to meetings. Some may never hear the truth if we do not tell them about it. Make the meetings so interesting that they will want to come back.

If the leader is not enthusiastic and active, the organization will surely be a failure. Matt. 15:14 says, "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Be wide awake so you can keep ahead of your followers. Be willing to take suggestions from others. If you discover that your plan has failed, do not give up; take it to the Lord in prayer and try again.

Urge the young people to study the Bible more by giving them an opportunity to work together and have questions and contests. If you spend your time well when you are young you will continue to do so later. Show young people why they are here and what they are headed for. The leader can do much to keep them in the strait and narrow way. To the other young people I want to say, be willing to help in every way possible. The leader alone cannot make a successful organization. But by working together it can be successful. Most of you belong to some other organization besides in the church. If you think the church organization is the most important and we have the truth, you should work the most for

it. When we do something for our brethren we are doing it for Christ.

Perhaps you were not chosen leader of a group of young people, but want to organize your time so you can do more for the Lord and be a better Christian. First, study your day's work and see if it is well organized. Do you spend too much time working and forget to rest? Or is too much time spent in idleness? Everyone needs recreation and it is well to spend that time doing something different from your other work. If you spent most of your time doing physical labor, spend a part of your recreation time in deep thought, reading, writing, and studying the Bible. Let us all be wise and spend our time in a way pleasing to God.

—By Opal Estep.

WHAT STAR?

"Hitch your wagon to a star" are the words of advice, for a star is about as high as anything can be, and if you are keeping your eye on a high goal all the time you are quite apt to go a long way and really arrive somewhere.

But what star are you going to select to hitch up to anyway? There are stars and more stars, you know, goals and goals, and while arriving at one's chosen destination is a common definition of success, all success is not the same by any means. Some men used to set out to be a successful pirate, and they were—but after all, that was a pretty poor sort of success.

The star you hitch up to should embody several things, if it is to be worth traveling toward. There should be happiness of a real and lasting sort, otherwise it is worse than useless to try to reach it at all. And there should be health, for you can't have happiness without health.

Above all, there should be divine service for our Lord, for when you come right down to it, there is more genuine satisfaction in service than in selfishness. If you choose well, you can have five good points—a well-shaped star. And it pays to make sure you have exactly the right star before you tie your hope fast.

—By Frieda Griffin.

Tolerance Plus Conviction

Once a person has definitely decided to stand for and display the Christian banner of truth and righteousness, immediate change must take place within his heart, character and attitude. Toward those who have not yet accepted Christ and the plan of God, or who have accepted but still reject many of his testimonies, he should maintain a tolerant and respectful attitude toward another's convictions. If he is to set forth the word of God successfully, he must be able to defend his right to speak frankly, while accepting his opponent's right to set forth his views with conviction also. Questions are never answered acceptable to God unless one can clarify his opinions without malice or prejudice. A fellowservant of God must be alert to all superfluity of words, that cause only to distract from the real meaning of Scripture in question. We must be able to stand up to His standards of Christianity, even though great sacrifices are many times in evidence. Frequently one having been convinced of the error of his way will be unwilling to accept the light given him. Often times he will turn upon his Redeemer and try spitefully to slay His words of truth. Such situations must be met with real tolerance and sacrifice on the part of the Christian leader, if he is to be a noble representative of righteousness.

—By Lula Estep.

Interest In Others

Are you interested enough in others to serve them out of sense of duty instead of trying to get honor and assume responsibility? In Gal. 5:13 we read, "For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Some people help just because they think it is their duty and they want to be polite in the sight of others. I wonder if they stop to think how they look in the sight of God. On the other hand, some want to help others because they like to see others happy. They are interested in them

enough that they have the desire to help in any way possible.

Also let's help our Lord and Master and serve Him with love and willingness; and not just to try to get into the Kingdom of God. There is a very good verse in 1 Chron. 28:9 which reads: "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 thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever." God knows all of our thoughts and imaginations so let us always have them pure and respectable in the sight of God.

Also in 2 Chron. 29:11 we read, "My sons, be not now negligent; for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and burn incense." Let us serve Him with a willing heart and keep the commandments so we may enter the great Kingdom of God.

—By Lenora Estep

THE MOVIES

THE GREATEST RELIGIOUS MENACE

(Note: We present the following article because of the frank way it deals with this question and to say, Should not the standard of the Church of God be as high as that of other Christians who are opposed to the movies? Some may say they have seen movies that they could see no harm in and did them no harm. Possibly some are not as harmful as others but let me ask: Who are the pictures made to please? The public. In seeking entertainment does the public want that which tends to help them spiritually or that which appeals to the flesh? The most subtle cunning craftiness of the devil is to present to the human family that which, on the surface, doesn't seem bad or harmful, and in fact looks good to many. Let us "love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." —Editor).

The above caption, "The Greatest Religious Menace," carries a sweeping indictment. Logicians tell us we must be very careful in the use of words; that they are slippery, and that scarcely, if ever, should we use the superlative degree in referring to any proposition based upon human judgment. But we repeat, even in the face of logicians, that the subject we shall undertake to discuss is the greatest religious menace, although we admit that our position sounds strong when there are so many hindrances in these days of laxness and indifference.

If the "movies" were just an ordinary thing it would soon run its course, but for entertaining and scientific fascination nothing has appeared in the arena of life that could compare with it. The stage settings are so clumsy, make-shifts or pretences; but the whole landscape is there—the ox-cart, the rushing train, the swollen river, the marching battalions, the ocean liner, the automobile speeding in the distance. The thrilling moments, the deadly suspense, the burning building, the man falling from a lofty crag, are all staged in rapid, terrible realism.

We wish to give several incidents against moving pictures as an institution whereby we seek to substantiate the caption of this article.

First, because of the gigantic financial power that attaches to the business. As a money maker, nothing in history has equaled it. It is not an uncommon thing for producers to spend from one to two million dollars making a single picture; then, when it is finished, it goes to thousands of theaters where it is shown to crowded houses for weeks and months. One picture packed a large theater in New York for twelve weeks day and night, with an admission of from 55 cents to \$3.00 a seat; then it went to as many as fifteen thousand other places.

Then the actors! Think of the silly comedians getting a million dollars a year, and a woman getting as much starring in one picture as all the governors of the United States together get for a whole year. The money side of the moving picture business puts it practically beyond the power of courts and board of censors; and the worst feature is that this money combination is in the hands of men making for evil to our nation.

Second, it is a menace of incomparable power because of the demoralizing effect it is having upon society. It puts the moral values of life on a low plane. *The dreamy glories* of the screen wield a subtle influence over the immature boys and girls of the land; while the immoralities portrayed in the many thousands of show houses throughout the country, are noticeably lowering the moral standards of our youth.

Third, aside from the silly, slapstick comedies that are not even decent caricatures of life in its most ridiculous aspect, the emphasis is being placed on sex relations; the most armorous scenes and positions are made prominent. . . It is an appeal to a sordid, vitiated public taste. A close student of the "movies" has this to say about them: "Many young people believe that illicit relations now being portrayed vividly before millions in motion picture audiences, are practiced so widely that it is en-

tirely proper for them to do likewise. Certain pictures stimulate base tendencies and distort youthful imagination. As a result, many boys and girls believe they will be ostracized unless moral codes are thrown to the four winds." The writer does not overstate the case. Millions of boys and girls in the adolescent age are seeing these distorted sex ideals daily, and the effect is inevitable.

Fourth, the screen artists are rapidly becoming the ideals for our young people; they are the heroes and heroines of daily conversation. Their beauty, their exquisite clothing, their lax habits and low moral standards, are becoming unconsciously appropriated by the plastic minds of American youth. Let them do what they may; divorce scandals, hotel episodes, free love, all are passed over and condoned by the young, because of the influence of their personality and screen heroism, seen day after day. Screen actors become the idols of boys and girls at the age of dreams and romance. The stage life is false, and twenty million children and young people are being fed on what gives life a wrong viewpoint.

Fifth, the film world, when reduced to its last analysis, teaches a standard of life that will ultimately destroy the home. Girls and boys see their heroes and heroines, who have been betrayed, disappointed or dissatisfied with husband or wife, seek affinities elsewhere, and there is unconsciously a note of approval, virtually, if not actually. The thing seems reasonable and justifiable. The divorce court, or what is even worse, seems a necessary and therefore a legitimate avenue of escape. Marriage has no sanctity in filmdom. The reflex power on the minds and morals of America's young life thru these agencies, cannot be estimated.

Sixth, the services of all the greatest denominations are regularly deserted by the young people crowding to the picture shows; they are crowded day and night; large, beautiful decorated theaters fill up and empty from midday until midnight, with men, women and children who have vowed eternal allegiance to the holier things of this world; who have promised to be present at the call of the church in her struggle against the powers of darkness. "Movies" could not exist were it not for the patronage of the church; and the average members give much more to the "movies" than to the church. Children often do not feel any responsibility, whatever, to the church finances, but are given from ten to twenty-five cents several times a week to see the pictures. Those who frequent the "movies" have their emotional natures stimulated to such an extent, that quiet thoughtful worship in the house of God seems well nigh

impossible, and this becomes one of the reasons for the young people's problem and the church-attendance problem.

Seventh, the moving picture has become a national teacher on public and religious questions. . . The eye-gate is the widest and most easily accessible of all the avenues of the soul; whatever is portrayed on the screen, is imprinted indelibly upon the nation's soul. The moving picture has inaugurated a vital and far-reaching change for the worse in human life, and in the thinking of the young generation.

Eighth, the picture show is a full graded course of schooling in the technique of crime. Here the minutest details of all sorts of crimes are fully shown before the student sitting in the dark, and this too with the most infernal ingenuity that the minds of many shrewd men working and planning together can devise. The methods of the most successful villains we have are shown on the screen, or it may be these highly perfected methods are improved a little by the keen mind of the producer. Safe cracking, pocket-picking, abduction, murder, white slaving. . .

Still some very good people allow their children to frequent the movies.

—From a tract by E. V. Pub. Ho.

Appreciate Cooperation of Others

It seems to be human nature to always see other's faults and never stop to think perhaps I myself make worse mistakes every day. Jesus taught that whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. We all hope that others think of our good points, so let's think of theirs instead of the wrong. In the letter to the Romans we find "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." If we are true Christians we don't want to do anyone wrong so we won't criticize so much.

In Thessalonians we are told to comfort and edify or encourage one another and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Often a few words of praise will cause some backward person to make a greater effort to take part in the meetings. Usually it is not contrariness that holds one back but lack of self-confidence.

While Solomon says "a good name is to be chosen rather than great riches" let us not let anything cause us to have the "big head" but meekly take our part and fill our place in the church.

In conclusion remember the Philipians were told "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look

not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

Bernice L. Palmer

Eager to Grow

I. Am I satisfied with my present accomplishments?

I wonder how many of us are satisfied with our present standard of living? Do you want to press on and grow in newness of life? 2 Peter 3: 18 says, "But grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This verse and others make me want to learn more of His precious Word.

II. Do I take for granted that what was good in the past is necessarily good today?

Let us take ourselves for examples on this subject. Don't we want to be as good today as tomorrow? Wouldn't we like to be like the Bible which we never have to take from or add too? I think we have all done things in the past that we want to be cleansed from. We must be eager to grow better each day. Titus 2: 12 says we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

III. Do I insist that methods which proved useful once are good enough for today and for all situations?

In spreading the gospel we certainly have better methods for getting it abroad than in olden times. One of our swiftest methods is through the air. Our ministers also are able to get from place to place better than in olden times. With better methods we are able to do what these lines from a song say:

*"Send the light
The blessed Gospel light,
Let it shine
From shore to shore!"*

Let us all be eager to send more light to someone.

May our lives be like a snowflake,
Leave a mark but not a stain.

—By Oline Sheffield.

Forgiveness of Sin

We all know that we should forgive others if we expect God to forgive us, for no man is perfect, and we all are subject to sin. "But if we do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:26.

In 2nd Chron. 7:14 we are promised forgiveness for our sins if we will only humble ourselves and pray, and seek God's face, and turn away from wicked ways. How many of us try to do these things?

If we are not faithful in keeping the Sabbath, and doing right we are called backsliders. In Jer. 3:12 we

find that even the backsliders are promised forgiveness. "Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord: and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever."

Luke 6:37 tells us to "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." We should not hold anything against our neighbors, whether we like them or not. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt. 5:44.

Let us remember these scriptures, and when we do something we know is wrong and want to be forgiven, we need only to go to the Lord, and confess our sins, for he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

—By Dimple Presler.

Our Attitude Toward Criticism

To be sparing in criticism of others and to be open minded and receptive of criticism from others is a difficult thing to do but one necessary to Christian leadership. For we are taught not to behold the mote that is in our brother's eye while not being able to see the beam that is in our own eye. Paul teaches us in his letter to the Galatians if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourselves lest you also be tempted.

James says, "Speak not evil one of another. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou are not a doer of the law, but a judge."

While it is not right to want to judge and criticize others we should accept reproof. We learn from Prov. "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge; but he that hateth reproof is brutish."

So we learn that to be less critical and more acceptable to criticism is conducive to Christian leadership.

—By L. B. Palmer.

Jesus said: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:26.

Y. P. LESSON STUDY

OBEDIENCE AND GOD'S GRACE

Scripture Reading Rom. 6.

Memory Verse: Verse 22, or 16.

- 1—Where did God's grace especially abound? Rom. 5:22. Explain what "abound" means.
- 2—Since where sin abounded grace abounded much, what special question did Paul ask in Rom. 6:1?
- 3—What was his answer? First two words of Verse 2.
(Note: If a person wrongs you and you forgive him, should he keep on wronging you that your pardon can keep on working—abounding?)
- 4—Can you think of several ways of illustrating that we must not continue in sin that grace may abound?
- 5—Explain what grace is.
- 6—What question is asked in V. 2.
- 7—What does it mean to be dead to sin? (Dead—inactive to sin).
- 8—Paul repeats part of the thought in verse 2 in verse 11, but then what does he say we are alive to? Verse 11.
- 9—How do we die to sin? In what do we show we die to the life of sin and desire to serve God? V. 3. (Christ died for our sins, we die to sin—become inactive to sin and desire to put away a life of sin.)
- 10—What mode of baptism is given in verses 4 & 5, first part of each.
- 11—What kind of a life do we walk in thereafter? V. 4, last part.
- 12—Since the rising from the watery grave of baptism is also a type of the resurrection, who will we be like in the resurrection? V. 5.
- 13—What is crucified that it might be destroyed that we might walk in a new life—not serve sin? V. 6.
- 14—In Christ's death for sin who was counted dead? V. 8.
- 15—How do we then become free from sin? Through what? V. 8 & 7.
- 16—What are we not to allow to reign in our mortal bodies? V. 12.
- 17—What should we not yield to and what are we alive to? V. 13.
- 18—Why shouldn't sin have dominion over us? V. 2 & 14.
- 19—What question does Paul repeat (see V. 1) in V. 15?
- 20—In what words does he repeat his answer given in V. 2? V. 16. Does this show the law was not abolished? (See also Rom. 3:31).
- 21—Comment on V. 19.
- 22—How should we now consider the life of sin? V. 21.
- 23—Being then made free from the penalty of sin what kind of fruit do we bear, and what reward can we look forward to? V. 22.
- 24—Have you memorized V. 23?

—L. C.

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FAITH

When something goes wrong and we get the blues, or get angry we think the whole world's against us. We don't stop to think that God has a reason for everything. He perhaps allows things go wrong to see if we still have faith to stand up and fight the evils. We get so discouraged; our friends, very few are Sabbath keepers. We have to live among evildoers, and still have faith that God will protect us, and make us do what is right. We all know we have to have faith because God says in Rom. 4:13, "For the promise that he should be heir of the world, was not to Abraham or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." But what is faith? Faith is trust in the honest and truth of God. I can say I almost know that none of us have enough faith. Let us all try to have more faith.

—By Luella Meikle

EDITORIAL

We are very much pleased with the fine lot of manuscript that came in just recently. Much if not all of it came from out west. Maybe it is the weather or something out there that stimulates their writing talent. Whatever it is, we hope our readers from other directions will also get the urge to write. Very likely many of you know you should write more and feel a little—shall I say guilty, for not writing for the last—well, the time would vary according to the individuals. But, somehow, there's that "something"—what is it?—that just gets the mastery over the urge that you should write, and that article or letters is not written. We thank those who have sent in material within the last few weeks and feel that others will write soon.

There are at least three things accomplished when we write for this gospel paper for young people:

1. By writing it gives us a definite part in helping spread the gospel to others.

2. It is one way to let our light shine and *help others* to know of the Lord and the Way to life.

3. By writing an article or other material it causes the writer to study the Bible and he thereby encourages himself and personally benefits.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." Mal. 3:16. May we not say, "Then they that feared the Lord wrote often for the benefit of one another—"? When we are far apart, writing will partially take the place of visiting personally with one another.

From Idaho

Dear Readers,

Greetings to everyone. I know that we now have a larger circle of friends who are receiving our little paper. Are you enjoying it? I surely hope that you are and also we would love to hear from any of you thru our paper expressing your opinion or bringing us some ideas for our Y. P. Friend. It seems as though some of us are shirking our duty by not writing material to keep our paper as interesting as possible.

I have found the easiest way to get inspiration is to get away from all cares and troubles of this life and get close to God. Especially in the country we can see more of God's beautiful handiwork that no man can equal. When we feel the very presence of Him we can't help but feel the urge to write and tell others about it.

Let us not get so engrossed in our worldly goods here that we forget what God has in store for us in a far better home yet to come.

A friend,
Helen Carlock.

PSALM I

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Y. P. Meeting
MERIDIAN, IDAHO

October 4, 1941

The meeting, led by Helen Carlock was opened by singing three choir specials: "Jesus Hold My Hand", "At Peace With Jesus" and "Coming."

The topic of the meeting — Some Qualifications for Christian leadership, was based on the article that appeared in the Y. P. F. several weeks ago. It was made very interesting by the articles that were written and read by the young people. These articles are being sent in for publication.

The Estep girls sang a special: "The Shepherd of Love."

The choir sang another special: "On the Jericho Road" and we were dismissed by Bro. Roy Davison.

Loyal Juniors

Dear Loyal Juniors:

I have written to the Sunbeams before but never to the Loyal Juniors. Our whole class is writing.

In our church we have a nice Sabbath School. We have young people's program every other Sabbath. I enjoy them very much.

I have attended one Campmeeting this year. That was at Eureka, S. Dak.

My birthday was Sept. 3rd. I was twelve years old. I got a wrist watch and a fountain pen.

I would want someone to write to me. My address is: Jud, N. Dak., North Route. I will close. Good by. A Christian friend,

LaVerne Gohner

Dear Loyal Juniors,

I will write a few lines to the Loyal Juniors. I like to go to Sabbath School, and I got some prizes for learning the best.

We have young people's meeting every two Sabbaths in the afternoon. I have three brothers but no sisters.

I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. My parents belong to the "Church of God" and I am glad they do because I think there is no church like it.

An unseen friend,
Roy Schlenker

Dear Loyal Juniors,

I will write the Junior class to tell them that I am going to Sabbath School every Sabbath. We have young people's meeting every other Sabbath afternoon. I like to go and get the prizes. There are many other boys and girls that have joined the young people's meeting. We belong to the Church of God.

I am eleven years old and am in the sixth grade.

Your unseen friend,
Lorraine Schlenker

Dear Loyal Juniors,

This is my first time to write to this little paper. I go to Sabbath School and learn verses to get prizes. Every other Sabbath afternoon we have young people's meeting and we take part in saying pieces. I am in the 7th grade. I go to church every Sabbath. We belong to the Church of God, and I am glad we do.

An unseen friend,
Eugene Schlenker

Dear Loyal Juniors,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am going to Sabbath School every Sabbath. But when the roads are muddy we cannot go. Every other Sabbath we have young people's meeting.

My father is converted but I have no mother. I am 13 years old and in the sixth grade. I have three brothers and three sisters. I must close now.

An unseen friend,
Gideon Schlenker

SUNBEAMS

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I am nine years old. And I am in the 4th grade. I have a twin brother and a baby sister. We have forty girls and boys in our room. The teacher's name is Mrs. Treaman. We go to S. S. every Sabbath. Mrs. Lula Young is my S. S. teacher. We need a preacher very much.

A friend, Louise Brann

(We are pleased to receive a letter from a little girl in N. C. We do not receive many letters from there. Write and tell us what kind of climate you have. We hope a preacher comes soon. —Editor).

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I haven't written to you in a good while. I have been going to school. Mother is improving since an operation.

I am going to send an article which I hope will be published.

It has been raining here a good bit. I wish it would quit.

I like to read the little stories in the paper. I like the letters also. My grandma and grandpa came to see us yesterday. I sure did have a good time. I would like to see more letters in the paper. I want all the children to write to me. I will answer.

A friend in Jesus,
Arlene Killgore

(You are a faithful writer, Arlene. Hope your mother is soon entirely well. —Editor).

FROM NORTH DAKOTA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am eight years old and in the second grade. I like to go to school and I like my teacher. I like to go to School School every Sabbath, unless it rains. Then we have bad roads. I received some prizes for learning good in Sabbath school, and I like them very much.

Elroy Schlenker

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time I've ever written to this little paper. I like Sabbath School and I like school. My teacher's name is Miss Ida Keller. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade.

For my pet I have a little gray kitten and its name is Spottie. I have a lot more kittens. My brother and I get the cows with the horse and her name is Queen. It is one mile to get them.

I have two brothers and two sisters.

Your little friend,
Marian Schlenker

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am going to write to the Missionary readers. I like to go to Sabbath School every Sabbath. I like to go to Young People's meeting to get the

prizes. We belong to the Church of God. I have no mother. She has been dead for three years.

I am nine years old and in the fifth grade. I like to go to school and I like my teacher. I have two sisters and four brothers.

Your friend, Joyce Schlenker

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the Missionary. I go to school. I am in the fourth grade and am eight years old. I like to go to Sabbath school. For a pet I have a puppy named Rover.

Your friend, Leah Gohner

(We were glad to receive all these nice letters from North Dakota and to hear about your meetings, your pets and your family. Write again.

—Editor.)

FROM MISSOURI

Dear Missionary Friends:

This is the first time I have written to the Missionary. I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. I have a dog and her name is Rags. My Father works in the Advocate Office. I have a brother named Gene and a sister named Shirley. We just moved to Stanberry from Scottsbluff, Nebraska. There's a Creek called Wild Cat Creek running right by our house.

We go to church and Sabbath School. My teacher is Mrs. Christenson. There are eight in our class.

Your friend,
Bruce E. Baker

Dear Missionary Friends:

We have just moved here to Stanberry. My father works in the office. We used to live in Scottsbluff, Nebr. I like to live here in Stanberry, there are so many trees and hills here.

I have a dog named Rags. This is the first time I have written to the Missionary I have a brother and a sister. My brother and I sing over the radio sometimes. We go on Sunday to Shenandoah, Iowa to sing. We go with Christensons and others in the office.

I have a lot of friends here. I am hoping to get a guitar, and Bruce, my brother, wants to get a violin. We go to church every Sabbath. Last Sabbath we went to Easton for Sabbath School. Well, I will have to close.

Good-by from,
Gene Baker

Dear Missionary Reader:

This is my first time to write to the paper. Mother reads the stories in it to me. I am five years old so I don't go to school but I can copy printing and writing.

I have a black kitten and a doll that rolls her eyes. Mother made my doll two new dresses. I live in Stanberry. My girl friend is Shirley Ann Baker. I like to go to Sabbath School.

Helen Christenson

(Yes, Stanberry S. S. has a nice primary class. Write again sometime and tell about some of your handwork. —Editor).

PRIMARY LESSON, November 15,

Lesson: John 15:1-8; 17:20-23.

Memory Verse: "Abide in me, and I in you."

—John 15:4.

JESUS PRAYS FOR US

If you had lived years ago when Jesus was upon this earth, wouldn't it have been fun to hear Him tell stories! He always made the stories so interesting and plain that people enjoyed them and also learned a lesson from them.

Once He told His friends about the grapevine. He told them about the green leaves and delicious, juicy grapes. If a branch is broken off, do you know what will happen? Of course you know. The leaves will all dry up and no grapes will grow on it. The life comes from the vine.

Jesus explained that He is the true vine. His Father is the husbandman or the one who cares for the vineyard. We are the branches. If a branch does not bear fruit the husbandman cuts it off for it is no good. We are no good if we do not bear fruit for Jesus, are we? Bearing fruit for Him means doing good deeds, telling other people about Him, helping the poor and sick and giving our pennies to help send the word of God to sinners. There are dozens of ways in which we can bear fruit.

When Jesus was through talking, He prayed God to care for His friends. He prayed that they would work perfectly together and do much good. People can't do much good if they quarrel, can they?

Something to Do

Draw a picture of a bunch of grapes. Play like each grape stands for a good deed. One may be: sitting quietly at church. Another may be: helping father and mother. Name all the grapes in the bunch.

INTERMEDIATE LESSON, Nov. 15

Lesson Study: Mark 5:1-17.

Memory Verse: Mark 5:15, Matthew 12:12.

JESUS HELPS A TROUBLED MAN

Find a map of Palestine in the time of Christ. Can you find the river Jordan flowing south? Who was baptized in this river? Now, do you see the sea of Galilee? Jesus had been teaching the people by the sea side (on the west coast). In Today's lesson, He and some of His followers crossed the sea to the land of the Gadarenes (east of the sea).

1—As they landed, who came to meet them?

2—What kind of a person was he?

3—Where had he been staying?

4—How did Jesus greet him?

5—Describe the way in which Jesus helped the man. What became of the devil which had been tormenting him?

6—What did other people think of this?

7—Why did the people want Jesus to leave when He was doing such marvelous things?

8—Do people today appreciate the Lord's goodness and mercy?

9—Why?

The Golden Rule is not to be practiced once a month, or once a week, but every day.