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## YOUNG PEOPLE'S FRIEND Page 3

### Dorcas Decides To See Mrs. Kelly

"I will not go to Mrs. Kelly this evening. I don't have to go," Dorcas told herself, as she finished her homework. "I have to wash Lily-Loo's dress, to pack my things, and get ready to go to grandmother's tomorrow."

Dorcas was thrilling at the prospect; for her cousin Helen, of the same age as herself,—ten,—lived with her grandmother.

"It is too bad I can't take a present to Helen; she always brings me something," Dorcas remarked to herself, with a pout. "It is such a bother to be poor! Lily-Loo, let me take off your dress."

Lily-Loo lay on the kitchen table. Being a doll she could not do otherwise than "let" herself be undressed. "I must not rub your dress too hard, or I shall tear it," Dorcas told her doll, as she watched her flexible fingers in the suds she had made. Mrs. Kelly can't use her hands like me. They are stiff, for she is eighty-three years old. Poor Mrs. Kelly! She will have to wait to-night for her tea."

It was Chinese herb tea that Mrs. Kelly drank every night at seven, though she very much preferred to have it at five. The tea had to be brewed, and taken hot. Mrs. Duff went in at seven o'clock to do a few such odd jobs, and to put Mrs. Kelly to bed; and for this service she was paid a wage.

"Of course, I could pack up in the morning, and leave Lily-Loo's dress soaking till then, too," Dorcas went on. "But I don't have to do a good turn every day." However, a memory picture of the helpless Mrs. Kelly kept popping into Dorcas's mind. "She will wonder what has happened to me when I do not go tomorrow, and she'll wonder still more next day, and the next. It does seem a shame not to go and make the old lady's herb tea, and tell her not to expect me again for a week. But I said I would not go, and I will not. I'm busy."

At this point Dorcas began to think of her name, and to remember a sentence her mother often said to her. "I named you Dorcas because I wanted you to be useful, like the Dorcas mentioned in the Bible," were her mother's oft-

spoken words. Then the young girl thought again of the eighty-three-year-old Mrs. Kelly. "Well, I suppose I shall have to go, though it is a great, big bother!" she cried, stamping her foot. "This is what comes of being named Dorcas!" Drying her sudsy hands she set out with a run,—so as to get it over with.

Well, I never!" she exclaimed some ten minutes later. "There is a lady just leaving Mrs. Kelly's! I wonder who she is."

The aroma of herb tea greeted Dorcas's nose as she entered the old lady's room. "Good evening, dear," greeted Mrs. Kelly. "You will not have to make my tea today; though I am glad to see you."

"I need not have come, then," retorted Dorcas, somewhat abruptly; for she was still feeling a little offended at having to leave the jobs she wanted to do. "I shall not be seeing you for a week, Mrs. Kelly; I am going to grandma's," she added.

"I surely shall miss my helpful little friend," said Mrs. Kelly, half to herself.

"I will dust your room; then read to you," said Dorcas, looking around. "Why, your room has been dusted!"

"Yes," assented Mrs. Kelly. "There is nothing

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#### HAPPY CHILDREN

The happy children are the ones  
Who like to give and share,  
The ones with loving hearts who think  
Of others and play fair.

The happy children are the ones  
Who never need be asked  
A second time by parents  
To do a needed task.

The happy children are the ones  
Who greet each fresh new day  
By finding something kind to do  
And something kind to say.

—Carmen Malone. (Sel.)



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## EDITORIAL

### WHAT DID DONALD DO?

"I never can be a great artist; I know I can't. I want to paint pictures so beautiful that people will come from miles around to see them," complained Donald.

"Perhaps you can some day," consoled his mother. "You're only a little boy now, but your drawings are neat. By the time you are a man, you may be quite famous."

"I don't want to wait. I want—" Just then Geraldine came up the walk.

"Hello!" she called. "What makes you look so unhappy? I'm going to visit the twins who were injured in a car wreck. They get pretty lonely lying in bed. Come, go with me."

But Donald still complained about wanting to be great.

"Forget it!" laughed Geraldine. "The twins already think you're great. But stay at home and moan if you want to. Goodbye."

"Wait a minute," called Donald, jumping up suddenly. "I'll bring my crayolas and—"

(Now you finish the story for yourself.)

### DORCAS DECIDES TO SEE MRS. KELLY

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for you to do this time except to help me look into some boxes. The lady who just left put four boxes into the cupboards yonder. I want you to bring them over here and find out what is in them."

Dorcas ran over to the cupboard and opened it, finding the four boxes on the shelf. These she set on the table near to Mrs. Kelly, who told her to open them.

"O-o-o-o!" exclaimed Dorcas clapping her hands. She had taken off the lid of the nearest box, and there was exposed to her gaze a box half full of chocolate creams of the finest quality. "Let me feed you one," said Dorcas, choosing a chocolate with a rounded back, much the

shape of a little mouse, and cutting it in two. "Open your mouth, please, Mrs. Kelly."

"It certainly is good," said the old lady. "The cream is made of almond nuts, ground fine. You try one like it." Dorcas found another of the same kind, and it tasted most delicious.

The next package chosen was wrapped in brown paper. Dorcas cut the string. It was an unopened box, tied with a pink ribbon, and containing chocolates of the same kind, as those in the first box,—two pounds of them.

"I guess she is going to give these to Mrs. Duff," thought Dorcas. "I would love to have the ribbon round the box; it would look lovely on Lily-Loo." Then aloud she said, as she opened a larger, but much lighter box, "Why, here is a half box of crackers, like those people use at Christmas. How beautiful they are!"

"Yes. When you pull them till they break they go 'snap'," said Mrs. Kelly. "And inside is a little present of some kind."

"They are so beautiful, I should hate to break them," said Dorcas. "And here is another box of crackers of the same kind! It has never been opened; for it has a sweet lavender ribbon around it."

"No, thank you, dear," said Mrs. Kelly, as Dorcas tried to make her eat the second half of the chocolate with almond cream. "You eat it. I lost my sweet tooth many years ago."

"What shall I do for you next?" inquired Dorcas.

"Just gather up the boxes," answered Mrs. Kelly. As Dorcas collected the boxes, and returned them to cupboard, Mrs. Kelly was talking. "A lady I know, who lives down the street, had a party last night,—quite a special one. Something unexpected happened, and half the guests failed to come," she explained.

"I see," put in Dorcas. "So, of course, the nice things that were brought for the party did not get used."

"That is so," resumed Mrs. Kelly. "The lady thought I might like them, so brought them around. I asked her to make me tea because it was close on five o'clock, and you had not come."

"She dusted your room, too; and I saw her leave your house as I came," said Dorcas.

"I did not mean for you to put the boxes back in the cupboard, Dorcas. For months I have desired to do something for the most helpful little girl in town, and this is my first chance. You just run home with the boxes; they are all yours."

"Oh! thank you!" exclaimed Dorcas throwing her arms around Mrs. Kelley's neck. "I wanted a present for my cousin Helen, and some others, and the crackers and chocolates will be just the thing. Good-by, dear Mrs. Kelly,—for a week."

As Dorcas skipped home, laden with the four boxes of pretty and delicious things, she said to herself, "I am so glad I decided to go and see Mrs. Kelly!" —John Russell in *Our Little Friend*.

Abraham Lincoln had a short sermon which he liked to address to girls and boys. "Don't drink; don't smoke; don't chew; don't swear; don't gamble; don't lie; don't cheat. Love your fellow man; love truth; love virtue and be happy."





"Seek the Lord and ye shall live."

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"Hate the evil, and love the good."

## PAUL A HERALD OF THE CROSS

By Florence M. Kingsley

### CHAPTER VIII Continued

The lady Rachel regarded him steadily, her large eyes beaming with anxious affection. "Thou art disquieted, my lord," she said at length, "because I have bestowed an alms upon the Gentile woman."

"Disquieted!" snarled Judas, stopping short and fixing his ferret-like eyes upon her. "Disquieted!" and voice rose to a shrill wail. "God Abraham! in what have I offended that the flesh of my flesh, and bone of my bone hath presumed to rise up against me? Mine house polluted! Mine ears have listened to wicked words! Fetch ashes that I may strew them upon my beard, bitter waters that I may drink thereof." Then his tone changed suddenly. "Of whom hast thou learned to speak of Jesus of Nazareth? Who taught thee to call a crucified malefactor the son of Jehovah? and when didst thou see the righteous give alms to an idolater? Answer."

"I will answer thee right gladly, my lord," replied the lady, a shy smile touching her lips with sweetness. "I learned the things that thou hast spoken, of the rabbi who also was a guest in our house when first he came up from Jerusalem. To thee also is it known that he was rebuked of the Lord in vision as he approached Damascus for to make havoc of them which believe. Surely thou art not ignorant that for many months now he has spoken in the synagogues and elsewhere, convincing many—"

"I have known — yes," broke in Judas rudely, "that the man Saul who was smitten with an evil spirit, and driven by it into the wilderness for a space, hath returned, and that he hath plagued the synagogues with his foul ravings."

"But hast thou heard—"

"Nay, I have not heard. I will not hear. Nor shalt thou again listen to the devil-possession. He shall be dealt with after the law. Alas, I have been remiss to my duty, and because of it I am made ashamed in mine own

house. Thou art a woman, and therefore Satan hath had easy mastery over thee; but a sin-offering shall be made for thee, that thou mayest yet be restored."

"But I declare to thee, my lord, that I believe in my heart what the man hath proclaimed. He is not mad; he hath convinced many — not women only, but Reuben, and Isaac the son of Nun, and—"

"What is it that thou art saying?" exclaimed Judas aghast. "But hold, I must look into this matter. Go thou into thine own apartments, put

was troubled, and he sighed now and then as he read.

"I fear me that we do evil in the sight of God in that we remain within the walls of this place," he said at length, lifting his eyes to the face of his wife who sat near him, her hands peacefully employed with the distaff. "It is not enough that we keep ourselves a separate people; we ought to come out from among them, even as it is commanded. The women of the accursed come into our synagogues, and their children mingle with the children of the chosen in the market places and in the streets."

"But if by reason of so doing, some be turned unto life, beloved, surely thou wilt rejoice," said Myra gently. "It may be that God hath placed Israel even as leaven among the nations, that all shall be leavened with the righteousness which it hath pleased Him to reveal alone to us, His chosen. When her eyes filled with sudden tears, "It is a year," she said in a half-whisper. "Again they will force the children to dance before Baal. Why, oh why, can we not do something to save them? Surely a little child, whether born of Jew or Gentile, is but a little lower than the angels."

"Not so is it decreed in the law and the prophets," said Ananias sternly.

"Behold it is written that our God is a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him. And His word of the law was spoken to Israel; if then God spare not the children of a sinning Israelite, how canst thou doth He look upon the offspring of idolaters, who for countless generations have not ceased from their abominations. And what also did the Lord command Israel concerning those nations which dwelt in the land of Canaan; was it not to drive them out, and to destroy them from the face of the earth? Both old men and maidens, children also and women were our fathers commanded to put to the edge of the sword. Listen, while I read to thee from the law. 'When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee—even seven nations greater and mightier than

maidens, till I have driven them out, for I am a just man, and now the Lord is written upon the lintels of my doors."

The lady Rachel bowed her head. "Behold!" she said, solemnly, "I will fast and pray for the peace of Israel, and for the salvation of this house."

The day following Ananias sat in the garden of his house, reading as was his wont at the noontide hour from the books of the law. His face



thou, and when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee: thou shalt smite them and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them; thou shalt make no covenant with them; nor show mercy unto them. Neither shalt thou make marriage with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son, for they will turn away thy sons from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy you suddenly. But thus shalt thou deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire."

"Amén and amén," said a deep voice from the entrance to the garden. "Thy shall be; yet must the purifying fire come from on high, even as it came in answer to the cry of Elijah, consuming the burnt sacrifice, and wood, and the stones, and the dust, licking up the water also that was in the trench."

"Enter thou in brother Saul, and may the blessing of Jehovah with which He hath blessed thee, rest also upon me and upon my household said Ananias rising. "I would also speak with thee of something that concerns thee and thy welfare; and of this I am persuaded to speak with all boldness because of my love for thee. For many months now, hast thou dwelt in Damascus, and hast without ceasing preached of Nazareth in every synagogue, convincing men that He was in deed a Son of God. But in doing thou hast raised up for thy fierce enemies among the Jews,"

Saul who had listened attentively to the words of his host, looked with a quiet smile. "Thinkest thou that I am not aware of it?" he said. "It is meet that I should suffer things which also I laid upon others in times past: if I be persecuted, scourged, stoned even, as I preach the Christ, I shall count it but glory since if I bear these chastenings in my body with patience I shall not receive the reward of them hereafter but now also in the flesh; for if in the flesh we do show forth the death of our Lord we shall also show forth His life."

"I have read this day, what thou art assuredly not ignorant of," continued Ananias, looking more and more troubled, "how that all idolaters are an abomination unto the Lord of Hosts, and yet thou dost declare that salvation shall come to the Gentiles. How then can this be? Was not the Christ foretold as the Savior of Israel? And can God who is the same yesterday, today and forever, change? If yesterday He hated the unrighteous, and pronounced a curse against them, how can He receive them today? How can His anger against them cease to burn? Nay, brother, it is because of these things that murmurings have risen against thee—and that even among them that believe on Jesus."

"It is written that the Lord regarded not man," answered Saul gravely. "All nations are the work and that also in the presence of certain Gentiles who had sought Him, I, from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy you suddenly. But thus shalt thou deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire."

"I am of the household of Judas," answered the man, "and I stood with-out the door as my master and certain others of the Jews talked to-gether. When I heard what things were plotted against thee, I hastened upon thee world lest thou shouldst bring into the pit which these have prepared for thee. But alas, I know how thy safety shall be assured." Nevertheless, I shall live, and not die, said Saul confidently; "for I have not yet accomplished that where-into I am set apart."

nd when after sunset the thing some known unto others of them believed, they gathered themselves together in the house of Ananias. Some advised one thing or another, and they were all of one mind, neither could any think of a way out of the danger.

"In this perhaps," And as if half ashamed of her thought, she displayed a large basket made of rope, the like of which was used for carrying heavy burdens. "It is strong," she whispered, "and if there be no other way—" This suggestion Ananias made known to Saul, where he sat apart, his face quite serene and untroubled, though many of the others were weeping aloud and lamenting.

"Yes," he said with a quiet smile, "Adam did all sin and through sin yet singularly beautiful smile. "In Myra softly, "for all claim a common father, even the first-created."

"Ay," assented Saul, with a grave yet singularly beautiful smile. "In Myra softly, "for all claim a common father, even the first-created."

"All nations are kindred," said Myra softly, "for all claim a common father, even the first-created."

"Ay," assented Saul, with a grave yet singularly beautiful smile. "In Myra softly, "for all claim a common father, even the first-created."

"Yes," he said with a quiet smile, "Adam did all sin and through sin yet singularly beautiful smile. "In Myra softly, "for all claim a common father, even the first-created."



looking at the basket of ropes, "it is a good thought; so doth God choose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty."

Then he called them all together, and prayed with them, and blessed them, and bade them farewell. Afterward with Ananias and one other for company, he made his way across the intervening roofs to the house of Ben Eli. When it was now the dark hour before the dawn, and the sentries dozed at their posts, with all caution and secrecy they lowered Saul in the basket of ropes from a window which overhung the wall. The silence and the darkness received him, and there was neither sound nor motion. After a little they pulled gently upon the rope and felt no weight thereon, then they knew that he was gone. —*Sel.*

Next Week CHAPTER XIII  
SAUL IN JERUSALEM

### WHY SMOKE, ANYWAY?

1. It takes time. This is the most precious thing in the world.
  2. It befouls the air. Pure air is God's first and best gift to man.
  3. It burns up money. Money is the circulating life-blood of commerce and society.
  4. It hinders work. By work we win in this world.
  5. It weakens the heart. The time is coming when you will need every bit of its strength.
  6. It endangers health. Grant and Mark Twain both died of tobacco poison.
  7. It is a habit-forming drug. You become a slave.
  8. It is not recommended by your mother. The best friend you ever will have is a mother who is interested in your highest good.
  9. It is unclean. Paul says, "Keep thyself clean."
  10. All smoke is waste and impairs health. Tobacco smoke is doubly so. He who abates it is a benefactor.
- The Christian Endeavor World, under the heading "Girls, Women, Look Out!" recently stated that about four thousand persons die in the United States every year from cancer of the mouth and in most cases the dire disease starts with what is called 'smoker's patches,' little white ulcers caused by smoking. Formerly these smoker's patches were found entirely in men, but now the women smokers are becoming affected with them. Women are so much more subject to cancer than men that the menace is one for them to avoid carefully. Not without good cause is the cigarette called a coffin nail.
- If the money that goes up in smoke from the lips of professed Christians was given to the God they love (?),

He could girdle the globe with the Gospel of Pardon and Peace and Goodwill that would do more to scrap War than all the "scrapping" materials and "Scraps of Paper" in the world! "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread." Isa. 55:2. —*Sel.*

### CONDUCT

#### IN PROVERBS WE FIND:

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. 17:18.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. 17:32.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. 18:24.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. 20:1.

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from trouble. 22:23.

Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. 24:1.

Be not a witness against thy neighbor without cause; and deceive not with thy lips. 24:28.

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink. 25:1.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor than silver and gold. 24:1.

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts. 21:2.

Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once. 28:18.

In Ecclesiastes: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 12:13. —*Shirley Carver.*

### ARE WE FAITHFUL?

A tithe is a debt unto God, but an offering is a thanks. We can thank God in many ways, such as offerings, obedience, faith, love, service, prayer.

Honesty toward God is paying tithe. "I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell thee, for the world is mine and the fulness thereof."

We should not rob God of tithes. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

So "Bring we all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it." See Mal. 3.

Why give to God? We should give to God to show our thanks. We should pay Him our tithing debt just as we would a land owner.

We can give to God in many ways such as obedience, love, faith, patience, offerings and tithes.

We can show our gratitude just as we do to our parents when we give presents. —*Norma Chipman.*

### Y. P. LESSON STUDY

#### PROVIDING BAGS WHICH WAX NOT OLD

- 1—Of what are we warned against in Luke 12:15, and how should we not measure people and real values in life?
  - a. How does the world measure a man's life? (By spiritual or material things?)
- 2—What about the one who gains much material wealth for his own personal satisfaction and pleasure? Luke 12:19-20. In what way was this man poor? Verse 21.
- 3—Discuss Luke 12:22.
  - a. Does this mean we should live "from hand to mouth" and not store food for the winter?
  - b. Answer the above question by reading and discussing Prov. 6:6 to 11.  
(Note: The revised version in Matt. 6 says, "Be not *anxious* for your life—" and "Be not therefore anxious for the morrow." Comment on the meaning of the word "anxious" as used here.)
- 4—Concerning our material needs, what state of mind should we not have? Luke 12:29.
  - a. What is a doubtful mind?
- 5—What should we provide for ourselves? Luke 12:33.
- 6—Why is this important? V. 34.
- 7—Do material things bring lasting satisfaction? Study and comment on Haggai 1:5 & 6.
  - a. What does "bag with holes" mean? V. 6, last part.
- 8—What should we be rich in? Comment on 1 Tim. 6:17-19.
- 9—What else should we be rich in? James 2:5?
  - a. How do we get or increase our faith? Rom. 10:17.
  - b. If we let the Word in one ear and out the other will it give us faith? How must we treat the word then? Matt. 13:23. First we re..., then he... and up..., thus it beareth..... Faith is produced under which of these?
- 10—What did Moses count as riches? Heb. 11:26.
- 11—What about the passive, luke-



warm people who think they are in a saved condition—rich in spiritual things—but actually do not have the gold tried in the fire? Rev. 3: 17 & 18.

12—Comment on Rom. 11:33.

13—Sum up by speaking of the true riches, what we should be rich in, and how we lay up riches where they cannot take wings—bags which wax not old.

—L. C.

### QUESTION DEPARTMENT

#### FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Readers:

I know it has been ages since I have sent anything in to the paper. It isn't neglect, it is just that I cannot think of anything to write about.

Last Sabbath our general monthly meeting was held in Grand Rapids. There were 47 present. We young people have found a very capable leader and teacher in Bro. Lidell.

The Sabbath school of Jenison is still taking the lead in entertainment for the young people. Under the able direction of Sister Susie DeWind and Bro. Davis, we have organized a singing school that meets the fourth Saturday night of each month. We are learning the songs in order out of "Hymns of Truth." We also have a Bible study which lasts for a half hour. The topic of the discussion is given out a month ahead so that it can be prepared outside. So far we have studied the book of James, the lives of Ruth, Esther and Daniel, the first ten chapters of Genesis and brought to memory some of the most useful proverbs. In this test on Proverbs, the proverb was written out omitting the last three words which we were requested to fill in. We find that work like this stimulates the mind of the young people and encourages them to study.

My sister Florence and I had one of hopes fulfilled. For some time we have wanted to sing over the radio. Last Sabbath we had the opportunity of singing on the "Church Hour" over station WELL in Battle Creek. We enjoy working for our Savior.

I hope that that gentle little reminder in the Young Peoples Friend will start more pens working.

A Christian Friend,  
Ruth Junglas

#### FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Readers of the Y. P. F.:

Greetings from the Pacific coast.

Again I find it is time to write to our paper. I enjoyed Agnes Haffner's letter in the last issue very much, and I too feel that I haven't done much for our paper lately, but the Lord willing I plan to do more in the future.

I would like to ask each one of you what are you doing for God's acre? Do you have a garden set aside for God, or is there something else? I

will tell you what my husband and I are doing for God's Acre, as we are living in a suburb of Los Angeles and there is no room for a garden, no room for anything like that, so we thought we could save our pennies that we get in change for God's Acre. It isn't much to save for God, but every little bit helps out. You would be surprised to see how fast those pennies count up, so friends do something for God, won't you? And write in and tell the readers what you are doing, maybe you could give other young people ideas that they might not have, so come on, won't you? We will be looking for a letter from each one of you telling what you have in mind, for in the Spring is the time to start, you know. We must make the most of this summer in harvest for God.

How are the Sabbath Schools and Young People's meetings getting along? We sure miss church so much that we will be glad to get back to Colorado to go to church again, so friends, when you are in Church remember the isolated friends all over the world and thank God that you have the privilege of attending Sabbath School.

My letter is getting long so maybe I had better quit for this time and leave room for others to write. May God bless the work everywhere.

Please remember us in your prayers.

Yours in His service,  
Josephine English

#### FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Y. P. F. Readers:

This is my first time to write to the *Young People's Friend*.

I go to Sabbath school every Sabbath to my grandpa's house. We most always walk along the river. For this quarter I was Ass't Sec'y. The S. S. Sup't for this quarter tried out a new idea. After the study of the lesson one of us would be chosen to tell orally what he got out of the lesson.

The young people of our Sabbath school have a singing club. Bro. Davis is our song leader. We meet once a month. Part of our time for the evening is spent in singing and the learning of new songs. We also have a Bible study period. Our topic for this month was on Daniel.

In S. S. Miss Susie DeWind is our teacher. It is time to go to Sabbath school so I must close.

Your friend,  
Edward Hosteter

#### MERIDIAN Y. P. MEETING

The Y. P. meeting opened by singing "Jesus Hold My Hand" and "I Am at Peace with Jesus Now."

Bro. Roy Davison led in prayer. Sister Davison and Luella Miekle had a piano duet.

Sister Oline Sheffield — character sketch of Samson.

Dick Kling read a poem.

Oral, Lenora, and Elnora Estep gave a special song.

Helen Carlock — character sketch of Daniel.

Jimmy Kling read a poem.

Bro. Sheffield read a poem.

Rob Palmer read a poem.

The meeting was led by Norma Chipman.

"We sang "Ready" and Bro. Stith dismissed us.

—Norma Chipman

#### FILL IN THE BLANKS

(Credit yourself 4 points for every blank correctly filled.)

1. "And I ..... saw the holy ....., new ....., coming down from God out of ....., prepared as a ..... adorned for her ....." Rev. 21:2.

2. "I am the ..... vine, and my ..... is the ....." John 15:1.

3. "Behold I will put a ..... of ..... in the floor; and if the ..... be on the ..... only, and if it be dry upon all the ..... beside, then I will know that thou wilt save ..... by mine hand, as thou hast said." Judges 6:37.

4. "And, behold, there was a great ..... for the ..... of the Lord ..... from heaven, and came and ..... back the stone from the ..... and sat upon it." Matt. 28:2.

5. "Wine is a ....., ..... is raging; and whosoever is ..... thereby is not ....." Prov. 20:1.

—Fae Carver.

#### MATCHING TEST

(Fill in the following blanks from this list of names: 1. Absalom; 2. Samson; 3. Cain; 4. Moses; 5. Adam; 6. Saul; 7. Elijah; 8. Nebuchadnezzar; 9. Enoch; 10. Korah).

- 1 ..... The meekest of all men.
- 2 ..... He killed off one fourth of the earth's population at one time.
- 3 ..... He was fed by the ravens.
- 4 ..... The earth opened up and swallowed him and his family.
- 5 ..... He ate grass like oxen for seven years.
- 6 ..... He caught his head in an oak tree and hung until killed by Joab.
- 7 ..... He was translated.
- 8 ..... He was betrayed by his wife to his enemies.
- 9 ..... The father of all living.
- 10 ..... He went to see a witch to get advice.

—Submitted by Alden Sheffield.

"But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters." 1 Peter 4:5.

"... The Lord knoweth them that are him.. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 Tim. 2:19.



## Loyal Juniors

### STOP! STAND STILL!

I turned the corner of the house and stopped, stood rigid in my tracks, frozen. Some twenty feet from me, on the lawn, was a bird, a kind of bird that I had not seen before. I wanted to look at the bird, to see how it was marked, what colors its feathers had. I wanted to know the little stranger. So I froze. The bird had not seen me come and I had stopped so quickly that I had not scared it.

The bird was hunting for food, pulling at this, nibbling at that, searching constantly. Probably he had been intent on the food at his feet so that he had not seen me come. Pretty soon he hopped a step or two toward where I stood. He looked in my direction, I thought that he looked right at me. Then he began his pecking again at the lawn. Every once in a while he would look up at me but each time he resumed his hunting. You see, I kept as still as a stone statue, frozen.

Each time that birdie hopped, he came closer to me. I could see every feather, watch every movement. Gradually he got so close that I began to wonder how much longer it would be before he realized that a human was standing there. Finally he was at my feet. Next hop and he might even land on one of my shoes. I almost laughed out loud at the idea. He did not make that hop. He looked up, took a very long steady look at me. Perhaps he saw an eyelid wink, some tiny movement of mine. He did not seem sure what it might be that he was looking at but he hopped a foot or two to one side. Gradually, as he led, he hopped farther and farther past me until I had to turn slowly in order to still see him. Eventually he flew away.

There is a great lesson there for you. If you want to get acquainted with the little folk of the fields and the woods, you should learn to stand still. Even for human beings, it is easier to see moving things, than it is to see things that are still. The motion catches the eye then the eye fixes itself on the object and sees it. A still thing may not be noticed, at all. Now, the birds and animals seem to see motion very quickly, more quickly than humans do. But they do not seem to see still things very easily. So you can stand still and the tiny creatures will not dart away from you so frequently. When you are looking at them and you want to move, move very slowly, gently.

Another thing. Motion is often frightening. A train rushing up the track towards you, even when you are standing well clear of the track, makes you shudder. A little bird, or a squirrel, looks up at you much as you might look up at an elephant. When the elephant stands still, you like to look at him. But you would hesitate if he were tramping towards you. So stand still, use your eyes, get acquainted with the delightful little creatures that God has put in the world for your appreciation. —Sel.

## THE LAW OF CLEAN PLAY

### The Good Junior Citizen Plays Fair

Clean play increases and trains one's strength, and helps one to be more useful to one's country. Therefore:

1. I will not cheat, nor will I play for keeps. If I should not play fair, the loser would lose the fun of the game, the winner would lose his self-respect, and the game itself would become a mean and often cruel business.

2. I will treat my opponent with courtesy.

3. If I play in a group game, I will play, not for my own glory, but for the success of my team and the fun of the game.

4. I will be a good loser or a generous winner.

—Junior Code of Morals (Sel.)

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### A CHARACTER SKETCH OF SAMSON

Samson was a member of the tribe of Dan. A remarkable incident took place before his birth. An angel of the Lord appeared to his mother and told her that she would have a son who would be a Nazarite unto God and who would deliver Israel from the Philistines. (Maybe some wonder what a Nazarite is. It is a person separated unto the Lord, the outward sign being the wearing of long hair and abstaining from strong drink.)

The most remarkable thing about Samson was his great strength which he got from his long hair. The Philistines couldn't find out where the power of his great strength lay and no matter what they did in hope of capturing him, it was not too great for Samson.

These are the wonderful feats he did with his great strength:

(a) He tore a young lion like a kid.

(b) He slew thirty Philistines and afterwards one thousand.

(c) He carried away the gates of Gaza.

(d) He broke the green withs and new ropes with which he had been bound.

(e) He carried away the beams of a weaving machine to which his hair had been secured.

Samson loved a woman named Delilah, and the Philistines told her to find out the secret of his great strength. She finally, after many attempts, coaxed him into telling that the secret lay in his long hair and if he be shaven then he would become weak. While he slept she had a man cut his hair. When he awoke he was weak and the Philistines bound him and put his eyes out. Then they came and made sport of him. He prayed to the Lord to restore his strength just once more and the Lord gave him back his strength just before his death and this is where he performed his last and greatest feat. He said, "Let me die with the Philistines." He then pulled a large building down by its two pillars and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people that were within. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than he slew in his life. —Oline Sheffield.



SUNBEAMS

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

It has been a good long while since I have written to you all. Spring is here at last, I hope. The trees and flowers are blooming and there are lots of pretty little flowers too.

I want to say "Hello" to Arlene Killgore. I think she had a nice reading about her geography class, and hope she writes again some time.

Always remember me in your prayers as I have faith in Jesus.

A reader,  
Mercine Hughes

(We enjoy your letters, Mercine. When does your school close? What will you do then?)

Dear Missionary:

I am eleven years old and in the 5th grade. I like to read the Missionary and letters and I like to read Aunt Lena. I want to say hello to Fay Walker and Arline and Fern Killgore.

My S. S. teacher is my sister, Mrs. Marie Billins. Closing with a puzzle: eW evol mih, usebeca eH trfis delov su. Your friend,  
Helen Wood

(We're glad you enjoy the Missionary. Write again.)

FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first letter to our little paper.

My sister and I are eight years old. We are in the second grade.

We go to Grandpa's house for Sabbath school. Sometimes we go to the monthly meetings. I like to go to Sabbath school. I like to read the Bible.

We have a pet dog. His name is Duke.

Your friend,  
Martha Jane Hosteter

(You wrote a nice letter, Martha Jane. I'd like to hear you girls sing again.)

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I like to go to Sabbath school. Many times we walk along the river to go to S. S. It's two miles. The river has been flooded for two weeks higher than it has been for over twenty years.

We have six or more children in our primary class. Our teacher is Ruth Junglas.

Your friend,  
Mary Ann Hosteter

(We haven't been receiving many letters from Michigan lately. Tell the rest to write.)

WHICH ARE YOU?

Said Benny: "When I grow a man

I'll milk the cows and split the wood;

I'll take my mamma out to ride,

And do the million things I should!"

And thus the minutes one by one,

Found Benny dreaming in the sun.

Said Teddy: "Shall I get some chips?

And sha'n't I bring the eggs in, too?

I'll draw the baby in her cart,

And then she won't be teasing you."

And thus the minutes, one by one,

Slipped by, while Teddy's work was done.

—Unknown.

PRIMARY LESSON for April 25.

Lesson Material: Luke 13:22-30.

Memory Verse: "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27.

JESUS TEACHES HIS FRIENDS

As Jesus went through the cities and villages on His trip to Jerusalem, He taught the people. He told them that He wanted to take as good care of them as a mother hen takes of her chickens. But He couldn't take care of them unless they would come to Him and stay close, that is, live the way He wanted them to.

But some of the people would not listen to Him. You see they were not as smart as a baby chick. A chick will let its mother take care of it.

Jesus wants to care for us today just as He did those people. Let's be like the little chickens—stay near Jesus and let Him protect us. Don't you think that is the best way?

INTERMEDIATE LESSON for April 25

Lesson Study: Luke 13:22-35.

Golden Text: Luke 14:27.

WHO ARE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES?

Define: Strive; strait; (verse 24); whence; (V. 25) iniquity; (V. 27) hence; (V. 31).

- 1—What question did someone ask Jesus?
- 2—What did He answer?
- 3—In the parable, to whom is Jesus compared?
- 4—Why were some not admitted?
- 5—Who shall be first? Last? Explain.
- 6—What was heard about Herod?
- 7—What did Jesus say about it?
- 8—How did He feel about Jerusalem?
- 9—Why?
- 10—What is a disciple?
- 11—What does "bearing our cross" mean?
- 12—What does "come after me" mean?

FILL IN THE BLANK SPACES

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2. Blessed are they that .....: for they shall be c.....

3. Blessed are the .....: for they shall inherit the .....

4. Blessed are they which do ..... and ..... after righteousness: for they shall be .....

5. Blessed are the .....: for they shall obtain .....y.

6. Blessed are the ..... in heart: for they shall see .....

7. Blessed are the .....: for they shall be called the c..... of .....

—Wayman Sheffield

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