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## FOR THE YOUNG.

**H**OW can young people make the most of life for themselves and for God? By doing faithfully what each day gives them to do.

How can young people best fit themselves for doing their work as men and women?

By doing well what they have to do as boys and girls.

Young people often forget to-day's duties, and plan what they will do when they grow up, but if they forget now they will forget then. The habit will grow.

You are making yourselves for manhood and womanhood. If you are truthful now you will be truthful then. If you are industrious now, the habit will grow with you, and you will never be an idler. If you are faithful now you will be faithful then. If you serve God, now, He will be yours forever.

On the other hand if you are careless now, you will be careless when grown up. If indolent now, lazy then. If ill-tempered now, that temper will strengthen. If you neglect God your neglect will be likely to grow.

Whatever you want to be as men and women, be now, as boys and girls. The only way to reach the top is to climb from the bottom, and the time to start climbing for the best in life, is, Now.

There is a mischievous proverb which says that young people must sow their wild oats, but hear what the Bible says about that. "Whatsoever a man (or boy) soweth, that shall he also reap." If you don't want to reap wild oats don't sow them.

Then apart from the reaping altogether, there is far more pleasure sowing good oats than wild ones. "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

## LEAVING HOME.

There was one immense building at the World's Fair with more than seventy large rooms, wholly devoted to pictures. Some pictures were small, not larger than the page of a book. Some were very large, twenty by thirty feet. They were there from all nations, and among them were some of the finest paintings in the world.

Of all the thousands, what picture, think you, attracted most attention? One of the two or three that always had about it the largest crowd was a painting of a young man leaving home. The little brothers and sisters scarce know what it means. The father looks on, calm without, but in heart he is praying for his boy. The mother and son stand with clasped hands, he with high hope and earnest purpose, confident in his strength, while she, with a yearning heart that a mother only can know, bids him farewell, giving him a last word, and commending him to God's care. How anxious she is! She knows how many boys have left home and gone astray. She knows his weakness and the temptations that he will meet better than he does, and she prays that God will keep her boy.

Young people, your home-leaving time will soon come. It is one of the testing points in life. Do not trust yourselves. Ask your mother's God to keep you, and then, and then only, you will be safe.

When away from home, do not forget how earnestly father and mother long and pray to hear of your well-doing. Whatever you do, so live, with God's help, that your lives may make them glad.