

"The Faults of Young Girls"

Have an Aim in Life. By Rev. Madison C. Peters, D. D.

Roakin's words for young women are worthy of being repeated: "Make sure that however good you may be, you have faults; that, however slight they may be, you had better make some patient effort to get quit of them."

Since we cannot see ourselves as they see us, the friend comes in a true kindness who tells us our faults and follies. Among the faults I would name are:—

Want of purpose in life. If you live without a conscious, controlling, concentrated and consecrated purpose in life, you will never do anything great.

The fact is life is undervalued by a great majority of people. If your life appears to you at any time void of interest and of pleasure, you have only yourself to blame.

Account usefulness the charm of existence, the sugar that sweetens the cup of life.

"A sacred burden is this life we bear; Look on it, let it be, as it is; Stand up and work beneath it steadily. Fall not for sorrow, fall not for sin. But onward, upward, all the goal we win."

Frivolity, arising from this want of purpose in life—only a serious purpose will save you from this blight.

"We live in deeds, not years, in thoughts, not in breath; In feelings, not in figures on a dial; We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Another common fault of girls is their talk, which is largely idle gossip, backbiting and insincerity.

"Ah, me! a quick and eager car Caught up the little meaning sound; Another voice has breathed it clear, And so it wandered round From lip to ear, Until it reached a gentle heart, And that it broke."

If you should at an evening party retire to a room and note down in talk of the company and produce a verbatim report of the conversation each speaker would feel laughably charged at the superficial and trifling character of his or her utterances.

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Life is before you. Can you see it up or tell its value and possibilities? A coin is valuable according to the amount of gold you put into it.

There is a common impression that there are more qualified young men than places for them, that the good seats are filled.

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Only the virtuous man, the temperate, the honest, the untidy, the incompetent man finds no place. When a young man is in doubt as to what life really means, he does not know what to do with his life.

One trouble is that with all these fine possibilities, we see the changes and growth of many young men scattered over the play ground.

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