

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER MEETING.

Earnest young people should not consider that they have accomplished their duty when they attend regularly the meetings of their society. The true Young People's Society should encourage and stimulate its members to greater faithfulness in all the departments of the Church's activity. One of the meetings that should be attended regularly by all young people is the mid-week prayer-meeting. The prayer-meeting needs you, and you need the prayer-meeting. You can bring to it the earnest enthusiasm of youth, and it will bring you into contact with those of deeper religious experience, and present to you the ripening fruitages of divine grace. The Young People's Society is simply an adjunct of the Church, and should seek to increase the interest of its members in all the means of grace.

The young people, if they will, may help to make the prayer-meeting one of the most enjoyable and profitable of the Church's services. Here are a few directions to indicate how this may be done.

1. Be regular in your attendance. An intermittent attendance is never productive of rich blessings in this service. Cultivate the habit of attendance. Do not let any ordinary cause hinder you from being present. Let your absence, and not your presence be the thing to be marked by the attendants at the prayer meeting. In this way you will come to love this meeting and will count it a deprivation to be prevented from meeting with God's people at "The hour of prayer."

2. Be devout, come to the place of worship with your soul filled with thoughts of God's love and mercy, His faithfulness and willingness to answer believing prayer. Cultivate the sense of God's presence, and by faith enter into "the secret place" of blessed fellowship with Him. Then you will come to love this season of privilege as the thirsty hart loves the mountain springs.

3. Come expecting a blessing. Do not allow a criticising spirit to take possession of you. There may be things said or done in which you may feel little interest: make yourself take an interest. Come determined to get a blessing and you will not be disappointed.

4. Take part in the meeting in any way that you may be able. Young people may help greatly in the singing, making it bright and inspiring. Everybody will be grateful for the help of fresh young voices. Use your Bible in the meeting, to read the lesson and turn up the references. In many prayer-meetings opportunities are given to take part in prayer. Make use of them. The pastor will appreciate your help.

SUNDAY BICYCLING

A young man asked Dr. Clark, the editor of the *Golden Rule*, his opinion as to bicycle-riding on the Sabbath day. The answer, which is given below, is characteristically sensible, and many young people will be profited by its perusal:

Your question is one of genuine moment, my dear friend, and one that cannot be dismissed with a single word of authority. Many a young person has wished, I know, that there was some prophet or pope to decide these questions for him. But, thank God, Protestantism has no pope, and our manhood or womanhood is developed as it could be in no other way by facing just such questions for ourselves, recognizing our accountability and responsibility, and deciding what is right for us as individuals before God.

There are two things to be considered in deciding this question. One is the effect of Sunday bicycling on yourself. You say that it will do you no harm, but rather good. Perhaps you are right. But of that I am not quite sure. Are you certain that it will not lower your reverence for the Sabbath and your general moral standard more than a quiet walk for fresh air and exercise?

But after all, this question, and many others like it, resolves itself into Cain's old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself, and no man rideth his bicycle to himself. We are involved in so complex a network of relationships one with another that others must be considered in deciding any such question.

You are not a Robinson Crusoe, with your man Friday and your goat and parrot on a desert island.

Will your bicycle lead somebody else to break the Sabbath? Will your spin before church keep somebody away from church

who otherwise would go? Shall you be counted among Sabbath-breakers and your profession of religion be discounted, if you take a ride just for exercise Sunday morning? Will your example do something to break down the sanctity of the American Sabbath? At these questions must be settled before you join the ranks of Sunday bicyclers.

Does this seem a narrow, cramped sort of life—always looking out for somebody else, always living in fear of public opinion? Ah, there is one motive that raises any such self-denial above the fear of public opinion, above mere expediency. It is the same motive that has sent martyrs to the stake and missionaries to the cannibals, and is to-day nerving our fellow Christians in Armenia by the thousand to give up their lives. "The love of Christ constraineth us." Therefore, we will not ride if it will bring dishonor upon His name, or will cause others to desecrate His day.

SOME VACATION HINTS.

Now that the holiday season is drawing near and many of our Christian young people are pondering the problem of vacation.

Where shall we go? How shall we spend the time?

The *Christian Endeavorer* suggests the following as answers to these questions:

Why not organize in your city or town a Bicycle Evangelistic Club of ten or a dozen Endeavorers, and move out across the country with the determination that no day shall pass without an open air meeting held somewhere, at which meetings the invitation to accept Christ shall be extended?

Are you thinking of going to the mountains? Why not select some hill top for Bible study, then gather together all the Endeavorers in the mountain resort for a series of studies on "Mountain top scenes of Scripture and what they teach us." Invite the public to join you in your delightful retreat to the "Mount of Privileges."

Perchance you will go to the seashore. Before you start take up the life of Christ for a study of His wonderful life at the seashore.

In place of clam-bake, fishing party or excursion, build a great bon-fire by the water's edge, and then as you sit about the faggots sing or speak of the "Seaside life of Christ," or "Sacred history by the Water's edge." Feed the body in vacation on fresh fish, clams and country vegetables while you rest it from physical toil and drudgery. Feed the soul on God's best food, the Bread of Life, and rest the mind on it, and your heart will burn within you as you talk with Him by the way.

Take the road to Emmaus Endeavorers. It may be made the most delightful journey of your earthly life, but to have it so be conscious of the presence of the Saviour.

Vacation is a rare opportunity for the Endeavorer released from daily toil and care to get nearer to God and man.

FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

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International S. S. Lesson.

LESSON XII.—THE RISEN LORD—JUNE 21.

(Luke xxiv. 36-53).

GOLDEN TRUTH.—"The Lord is risen indeed."—Luke xxiv. 34.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Christ Lives.

TIME AND PLACE.—A. D. 30, April-May. Verses 36-49, in Jerusalem; verses 50-53 on the Mount of Olives, near Bethany.

INTRODUCTORY.—Jesus died on Friday afternoon. Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for Jesus' body, and, aided by Nicodemus, placed it in a new tomb on Friday evening. Before dawn on the first day of the week there was a great earthquake and an angel came from heaven and rolled away the stone door of the tomb. When the women came to anoint the Lord's body, they found the tomb empty. Jesus appeared five times that day. 1. To Mary Magdalene. 2. To the other women as they hurried from the sepulchre. 3. To Peter. 4. To two disciples going to Emmaus. 5. To the eleven, excepting Thomas, the appearance described in vs. 36-49 of our lesson. Compare John xx. 19-25. Jesus remained forty days on earth, and during this time these additional appearances occurred:—6. To all the eleven. 7. To seven at the Sea of Tiberias. 8. To the apostles and five hundred brethren, on a mountain in Galilee. 9. To James. 10. To the apostles at the time of His ascension—vs. 50-53 of this lesson.

THE LESSON.—The strength of the Christian religion lies not in the purity of its ethics or the sublimity of its doctrinal teaching, but in the fact that both are focused and embodied in a living person, the Man Christ Jesus. The fifth of Matthew or the thirteenth of first Corinthians would have as little power over the lives of men to-day as has the Koran of the Mohammedan or the