

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN

A PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

By Miss Annie Chresfield

SOME OTHER WAYS

A ten-minute prayer service by the Prayer Committee. All the officers of the society and the leader for the day should be present.

Singing or other music for ten minutes.

Opening words — Leader: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."

Response: "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." (Make many copies of this response that all may read it.)

Prayer.
Announcement of the topic and Bible reading from Proverbs 8:1-17.

The leader's message.

Prayer by the leader.

Singing, "I Need Thee, Precious Saviour."

Discussion of the topic.

The Way of Youth.

The Way of Sin.

The Way of Dishonesty.

The Way of Hypocrisy.

1. Tell about the straight and narrow path that leads to God.

2. Name some other ways.

3. If the straight way is plain why do so many get lost?

4. Why did youth go with the world?

5. Why do so many young people of today love the ways of the world?

6. Tell about some of the ways of sin.

7. Why was Aunt Bertha displeased with her visit?

8. Tell of some ways in which people are dishonest.

9. Describe some ways of a hypocrite.

10. How does the hypocrite hurt the church?

Prayer: Teach us to know, O God, that it is only through Jesus we can come to Thee and that all other roads lead to destruction. Amen.

Singing, "I Am The Way."

Report of committees.

Offering and prayer.

Report of the Secretary.

Announcements.

Singing, "Day Is Dying In the West."

Benediction.

The Leader's Message

It was early morning when we began our trip. The sunrise was lovely in rose and amber colors. Our automobile seemed to take the miles so smoothly. We sang bits of song as we traveled. Motorists who met us or passed us seemed as happy as we were, for many bowed and smiled or waved their hand in greeting. Then we came to a place where many roads crossed and forked. We took one of them, scarcely looking to see if it was the right one.

"Was that right," asked one of our party. "I don't know," answered the driver. "Partner here told me to turn there."

"It looked all right," said another. "Let her go. What do we care?" was the flippant remark of another.

After traveling forty miles we found out that we were surely wrong. We attempted to cut through by an obscure country road in order to save time. Far out on this lonely road our automobile gave trouble. Two of our party had to walk about seven miles in search of a mechanic. Darkness found us on the road weary and wiser. We had lost a day because we had carelessly taken the wrong way.

The Way of a Youth

They stood at the crossroads. Experience, old and gray, the Church eager and full of longing and hope, and Youth, strong and beautiful. Her eyes were on the World and the road he had taken. "I am not leaving you," she said to the Church, a bit of impatience in her voice. "I am just going a little way with the World and then I'll come back."

A look of deep pain came into the Church's face. "Ah, Youth," he pleaded, "Do not go with the World; you may never come back at all and if you do you will not be the same." "You had better listen to the Church," said Experience. "Oh hush! I

don't want to hear what you say. Let me choose my own way. If I fail, why let me fail. Of course I won't fail, though. I have sense enough to take care of myself. I'll catch you," she called to the World, who had turned to beckon her on, and with swift feet she ran down the hill the way the World had gone. And the Church was grieved because this Youth had chosen the way of the World.

The Way of Sin

Aunt Bertha had come for a visit with her dead brother's children and was shocked and displeased at their conduct. "This is Wednesday evening," she said. "I would be glad if you all would come with me to prayer meeting." Ben looked up at her, then replied, "Not me, Aunt Bertha. I have never been to such a place. They would turn out if I'd go." Peals of laughter from the girls greeted his remark.

"And I have to go down to the pool room to turn a few tricks as I am nearly out of money," said Charles. The two boys went out.

"Well, what do the girls say," asked Aunt Bertha. "Beloved Aunt, I am going out," said Lena, putting more rouge on her face. "And I am, too," chimed in Belle. "Well, I am staying home tonight. I am expecting Billy," said Emma, the youngest girl. "Billy?" asked Aunt Bertha. "Isn't he a married man? I thought his little boy was here to-day!" "You are right," she answered. "There is a wife and three children, but that's nothing for these modern days." "You children," said Aunt Bertha, "are walking the ways of sin."

The Way of Dishonesty

It seems so easy and natural for a number of people to be dishonest. In such a large manner is this true today that dishonesty is expected. One does not think a business man is telling the truth about anything he wants to sell unless it is to his advantage. It is a matter of great concern to notice how quickly one will lie and steal and what little attention the world gives to such things. One who lies will steal. He will be hypocritical. He does not know or value truth and honor. No one can trust the dishonest person for anything.

There is a strange law which follows the dishonest person. He who lies is always being lied to. He who cheats others is always being cheated by others. The dishonest person generally is always looking for a new place to work. Then, most important of all, such ways are displeasing to God. The devil is a liar and the father of liars.

The Way of Hypocrisy

One does not want to pay the price of being a Christian, but he wants the glory of being one, therefore he pretends that he is a Christian. He or she will join the Church but it is not because they want to be obedient to God or to learn more about Him. The hypocrite may pay money, but that is that men may see. The hypocrite may become a member of the choir because some one else is there or he or she wants to have people praise them for their good voices. The hypocrite will say words of prayer or he may shout, but the Lord is not in it. The hypocrite will not make any real sacrifice for the Church. He or she continues to live in sin. The hypocrite is a great curse to the Church, a stumbling block to others. Saddest of all, he or she is in great danger of losing their precious souls. Christ said, "Woe unto you hypocrites!"

NOTICE

The annual report blanks for young people's organizations are in the hands of the Secretary for Young People. Please return them to her as soon as you have written the information called for. If you do not receive one during the month of February write for one. The Secretary may not have your name and address. Remember, this is the only way the Church will know that your society exists.

(Miss) Annie A. Chresfield, Monroe, N. C.

Brevity is very good, When we are, or are not understood.—Butler.

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On Jan. 24, Sunday school was conducted by Mrs. H. W. McNair. She, Miss Nerissa Anderson, Mr. Melvin Carr and her Quartet, having attended the Young People's Conference at Petersburg, Va., gave a glowing account of same. Then followed remarks and prayers for the flood sufferers. The following Wednesday evening, Dean Nelson conducted prayer meeting for the victims of the flood.

Jan. 31, Mrs. McNair asked prayers for missionaries in home and foreign lands. After which there was a strong discussion on alcohol. She asked all to voice their sentiments against alcohol by standing up for Jesus.

February 7th, Mrs. McNair asked prayers for the staff of fourteen at Brainerd Institute, and emphasized how, by their efforts and sacrifice, they had raised \$5,000 and kept their doors open, after it had been decided to close them. After brief silent prayers, Dr. McNair led in prayer. Then with Miss Thomas at the piano, the junior church filed in, singing "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Dr. McNair preached a splendid sermon from Matt. 25:10. (The Ten Virgins.) He emphasized that the "Well done" approval has no equal. And as to the awarding of prizes to a bright student, who may just have to run over his lesson and get same in fifteen minutes, over against one who struggles, and may be about two hours learning the same lesson, that with a few exceptions, the struggling one comes out better in the end.

In the afternoon, we were favored with an address by Mr. J. Pervall of Farmville High School, on "Our Inherited Rights." He emphasized the advantage our Church schools have over the State schools, in developing a backbone of Christian character. He was introduced in a beautiful and cultured manner by Miss Redd.

At 8 P. M., Dr. McNair beautifully introduced Mrs. George, of Johnson C. Smith University, who favored us with an excellent address, "Choosing for Looks," and narrated an incident of a bad result. One is impressed at first sight with her pleasing personality.

We were also favored with a splendid sermon by our local minister, Dr. Bowling (white), a schoolmate of Dr. G. C. Camp-

bell, on "Christ and His Disciples."

February 7th, Dr. McNair preached from II Timothy, 4th chapter on "The Good Fight." Vespers were sponsored by the sophomore class. Miss Thomas led the choir in singing, "Soon-a-Will-Be-Done."

Negro History Week witnessed the putting over of some interesting programs. Mrs. Kendrick dramatized a mission night school for adults.

Our Miss Nannie Black is caring for her indisposed father. We sympathize with Mr. Thurman Fairley in the death of his sister and gladly welcome him back.

Prof. McNair plays as well as sings. He takes his athletes out, beats the game 13-6, and comes back like he has done nothing.

Our Mrs. Jeffries is back. On the 13th and 14th, Mrs. McNair and Dean Nelson took the Quartet and other students to the Young People's Conference, at Richmond, and listened to Dr. Modocai Johnson, etc.

On return, we were shocked by the sad news of the death of that man of God, Dr. L. L. Downing, our spokesman Peter, counsellor and guide, in the Presbytery of Southern Virginia for over forty years. Our heartfelt sympathy flows for the bereaved family. How we will miss him! Ingleside was represented at the funeral by Dr. and Mrs. McNair, Mrs. Rankin and Miss Mattie Dennis.

It was a rare treat to have Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Parsons, of Troy Penna., to peep in on us on the 19th, enroute to Florida. We are grateful for their kindly interest in us.

Honor Roll for First Semester College

Lorelia Green, Myrtle Oliver, Laynell Smith, Marie Johnson.

Senior High School
Corrine Rice, A; Allie Boyd, B; Georgia Bates, B; Nerissa Anderson, B; Annie P. Craig, B; Helen Connor, B; Eva Long, B.

Junior High School
Hazel Archer, B; Cora Turner, A; Alma Scott, A; Dorothy McNair, B; Carrie Barnes, B; Henrietta Scott, B; Maude Shepperson, B; Louise Lomax, B.

Sophomore Class
Edith Daniel, A; Ernestine Page, A; Gwendolyn Stinson, A; Melvin Evans, B; Daisy Mae Leathers, B; Sallie Watson, B.

Freshman High School
Allene White, A; Martha Smith, B; Helen Perry, B; Lu-

cille George, B; Marjorie Thompkins, B.

Dear co-workers, please let us bear in mind Stewardship.

MRS. M. B. MARKS,
Secretary of Stewardship of the Presbytery of Southern Virginia.

LETTER TO CATAWBA PRESBYTERIAL

To the Missionary Societies and Young People's organizations of Catawba Presbytery. Dear Co-Workers:

You have been much in my thoughts these past few weeks. We are in the last quarter of our Church year's work and I know each of you feels as I do, that we must carry our Presbytery through to victory this year. In looking over the record of the work accomplished thus far, we find that we are a long way from our goal, but we are reminded that last year it was just as discouraging at this time as it is now, but, with fresh courage, plans were formulated and we exceeded our apportionment.

We, as members of the Woman's Missionary organization, have always had great pride in meeting our full apportionment; to us the budget has become alive. It means men, women and children hearing of Jesus Christ and coming to know, love and serve Him. We have been told so many times of what will happen on the mission field if we do not reach our apportionment — workers recalled, work closed! May we realize as never before the opportunity that we as Christian women have of helping in this work by our prayers and money, that we may send the message of Christ to those who have never heard of or accepted Him.

The question we must face just now is, how much will we do the remaining weeks of this fiscal year? The answer depends upon the prayers and work of every woman of the local societies and especially upon the local Presidents and officers and the Presbytery District leaders. We are hoping that each missionary society and young people's organization will catch a vision of the great need on the mission fields and that you will respond as liberally as you can to this call.

Please send your apportionment as early as possible (not later than March 10th) to our Treasurer, Mrs. H. Wilson, 17 So. Georgia Avenue, Concord, N. C. We want this to be an outstanding year, with all the missionary and young people's societies raising their full quotas. Our sharing will lead men to truly know and love Him.

We appreciate the fellowship in service we have with you, and your loyal co-operation in all our efforts for the mission field, and we are taking this occasion to express our appreciations and thanks.

Always faithfully yours,
HALLIE Q. MAYBERRY,
President Catawba Presbytery.

NOTICE TO FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERY

My dear Brethren:

Fairfield Presbytery is fast approaching and there are some very important things I wish to call your attention to.

First, there will be an Elders' Institute under the auspices of the Committee on Christian Education assisted by the Committee on National Missions of Fairfield Presbytery and the Chairman of the Synodical Committee of Atlantic Synod, Dr. G. W. Long. This Institute will convene at Chesterfield, S. C., at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday, March 24, and will close at 5 o'clock P. M. We wish to impress upon you the importance of your presence at this Presbytery, especially the elders who are coming to Presbytery as delegates from the various churches. We wish also to make clear to all elders that this meeting is not restricted to delegates: as many elders may come as feel so disposed. I am sure you will be greatly benefited.

The second thing I wish to call your attention to is this:

For several years we have not been able to secure more than fifty per cent of the Sunday school report blanks at the Spring Presbytery, and consequently our compiled reports have not been very commendable. I am also forced to say, from all indications close scru-

tiny has not been given to the filling out of the blanks, for there has been a number of discrepancies; it may be, however, you have given yourselves too short a time to read over your report blanks carefully. Therefore the committee is asking you to fill out the blanks before leaving home for Presbytery and bring them with you in order that the reports may be compiled and sent to the Board of Christian Education in ample time for the General Assembly report.

Your Committee,
W. I. P. ROSEBOROUGH,
Chairman.

NOTICE

To the Secretaries of the local Missionary Societies of Fairfield Presbytery:

The time has again arrived for the Secretaries of the local missionary societies to make reports of the Mission Study classes and all missionary education that has been carried on in the local societies this year.

Upon receipt of the report blanks, please fill them out and return them immediately to the Secretary of Missionary Education. These reports must be in the office of the Secretary of Missionary Education, New York City, by March 15.

Let us be prompt in order that the Fairfield Presbytery may receive credit for the Missionary Education work done this year.

MRS. W. I. P. ROSEBOROUGH,

NOTICE

The Young People's League will convene at Good Hope Presbyterian church, Arlington, Ala., Saturday, Feb. 27, 1937, from 9:30 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

Rev. J. A. Fisher, Jr., and his good people are making ready for our coming and we are asking all of the pastors and those who are interested to see to it that the young people are present to carry out the program that has been arranged.

Dr. C. J. Baker has been invited to give the message in the worship service, and we are expecting Dr. A. B. McCoy, Supt. of Missions throughout the South, to address us and to see what progress has been made.

MISS MOLLIE B. DOBY, President;
MISS NELLIE PARHAM, Secretary;
REV. L. R. TAYLOR, S. S. M., Director.

NOTICE

All persons who plan to attend the Spring meeting of Fairfield Presbytery which convenes with Grand View Presbyterian church, Chesterfield, S. C., March 24-26, will please write Elder W. M. McCoy, Route 1, Chesterfield, S. C., or the Stated Supply. Those who will write in time will be notified the home in which you will be entertained.

J. H. TOATLEY,
Box 88, Chesterfield, S. C.

THE ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Rogersville Presbytery will convene with the Bethesda church, Johnson City, Tenn., on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 P. M., C. S. T. All persons planning to attend this meeting should notify Rev. P. J. A. Cox, D. D., 712 Montgomery St. The ministers of the Presbytery are asked to have their reports in the hands of the proper persons on or before April 4.

CHAS. A. EDINGTON,
Stated Clerk.

CALVIN

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ness. One indication of this characteristic Dr. Pears found in Calvin's repeated reference to the "allure" of God.

The oldest historical organization in the world with one exception is the Presbyterian Historical Society, of which Dr. Pears is the Secretary, he revealed in his New York address as a result of recent researches. The exception is the French Society, whose age, 85 years, is the same as that of the American organization. Each was founded in May, 1852.

It is surprising to observe how much more anybody may become by simply being always in his place.—Selina Watchman.