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## BEST BOY OF LIFE

Faith and a Good Conscience  
Signposts on the Christian's Journey.

The question of supreme importance for the married is, "Whether life is to be even greater interest for every thoughtful person. Life is a sea, and your ultimate destination lies at the other side. Just as the sailor, taking his compass and laying courses and dangers, steers his way steadily, guided by the sun and the stars, until he reaches the haven, so must we do. We need faith and a good conscience as our compass. Faith is the confidence that God is, that he is the author of these things and that there is an eternal home beyond. We, too, must be on the lookout, take daily observations from heavenly sources through our senses, continually our spiritual latitude and longitude, and keep on. One of the best boys of life is to know that we are headed right and are making progress. Unsuspected influences may be working against us. Even Job of old proved to be wrong in his reckoning. He thought himself quite a model in character, and all his friends idolized him, but bitter trials caused him to realize that the divine standard of character is very much higher than he supposed. His self-complacency, founded upon general impressions, was relaxed by self-examination based upon actual character values. His revised verdict read, "I abhor myself, had report in dust and ashes." He had found his true latitude and longitude.

**Loyalty Above Everything.**  
Nothing more is possible for anyone than to be loyal to this faith and a good conscience. We should be content with nothing else. Conscience will tell us accurately, if we listen, whether we are steering true to faith in all our thoughts and actions. The knowledge of duty and the willingness to perform it are the ingredients of the voice of conscience and the voice of inclination are often heard in loud dispute in the soul.  
It is doubtless easier at times to merely drift along than to be true to faith and conscience. Such moments are our testing times. Our grip on faith—our objective to compass—will keep us unwaveringly in the path. Faith without conscience is a ship without a compass; conscience without faith is a compass without a ship. We must have both.

**Points of Greatest Importance.**  
No sailor will neglect the compass or lose sight of the destined harbor, but while busy with other things his vessel drifts upon the rocks. We may be so occupied with unimportant things that we lose sight of the two main essentials, faith and a good conscience. Sometimes life's voyage is spiritual without these. Shipwreck will inevitably follow unless we can secure them for our guidance. Provisions for our spiritual needs are as complete as for our physical necessities.  
A crowning reward awaits the mariner as he nears the haven. The pilot meets him and steers the ship safely into port. Waves, storms and dangers are forgotten in the glad greeting of friends. This also is a picture of the completion of our voyage. If we have been true to faith and a good conscience, we too, shall "meet our pilot face to face, when we have crossed the bar."

### BELIEF WILL BANISH FEAR

Trust in God's Love, His Promises and His Desires for His Children's Welfare—Faith Conquers.

How can we banish fear from our lives—fear of failure, fear of poverty, fear of loneliness, and many an unspoken dread that keeps our spirits in bondage?  
First, let us drag our fears out into the open and face them boldly. Many a trouble vanishes in the sunlight; fears thrive in darkness and in darkness, our fears lie often in our subconsciousness and dog us like shadows. To tell our fears, to analyze them, to find out their source, is to half destroy them.  
Second, let us believe in God—his promises and his love and his desire to give us good and not bad things. Fear is unbelief. Cultivate belief in God's men and women and in God's world; get the habit of believing in people, in seeing the good and overlooking the evil. Remember that if you really want to believe in men and in God, you will slowly but surely get into the habit of believing in people. "If you desire faith, then you've faith enough."  
But faith is a moving, active thing. It is more than a mere belief; it is the act of the will. Let me try today believing in a friendly universe. I will be positive and not negative; I will be a believer and not a critic. Faith grows, and grows, grows to fear.

**God's Bible.**  
There are no such freeways in art, as God's hand paints in the heavens. There are no such relaxers of God as come to us through nature. In the budding, blossoming days of spring, in the busy days of summer, in the fruitful days of autumn, in the days of winter, in every day of the year, there is something which is a separate leaf to me in God's olden Bible, now that I have learned to read it.—Henry Ward Beecher.

**Hops is Christmas's Birthright.**  
We now live in the kingdom of hope. For our own sakes, then, and for the sake of others, let us show ourselves to be citizens of that country. One of the titles of our king is "the God of Hope."—Rev. T. V. Foxberry.  
Real Meaning of Hope.  
When we speak of joy it is not something we are after, but something that will come to us when we are after God and duty.  
A bit of anger is as fatal to us as a dose of arsenic to life.—J. G. Hol-

## TROY

Happy New Year.  
The W. P. M. society met with Miss H. Niles, January 4th.

The Cuttings are Christmas dinner. Mrs. Charles Leonard's dinner (Congratulations to John Wilson and wife from his old Troy friends.) Mrs. Frank Cutting and New Year's dinner with his daughter, Mrs. Kate Leonard.  
Roberta Chase, of North Branch, was at the parental home for the holidays.  
The H. E. Waffles family were New Year guests at the George E. Elliott home.  
Miss Lucy Elliott was the guest of friends in New York City during the holiday vacation.  
Mrs. Mira Martin and Mrs. Phillip Brand are visiting relatives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. Phillips entertained the Cuttings, Bales and John Money families New Year's Day.  
Henry Flah, of Detroit, brother-in-law of J. E. Balle, was New Year guest at the Bellis home.  
Mrs. J. Crapenter, who slipped and broke her ankle a few weeks ago, did not seem to mend as well as she might.  
Mark Cutting and son helped to celebrate Mrs. Frances Richards' birthday at her home in Royal Oak, January first.  
Mrs. Charles Green, sister of Mrs. Glenn Hadden, returned to her parents' home in Fayetteville, Ark., the first of the new year.  
Mrs. Lu Miller was able to attend the Christmas festivities at Sunny Crest, her father's home, remaining there for a few days.  
The exercises at the Troy church were enjoyed by all, and great praise is extended to all who arranged the Christmas entertainment.  
Mrs. and Mrs. C. Sullivan attended the funeral of their nephew, Bud Tucker, at Pontiac December 30. Mrs. Tucker is a niece of Mrs. Sullivan.  
Maxwell Cutting is home from the U. S. for the holiday vacation, bringing and trapping muskrat sports and his brother Frank great efforts in the fur trade. He has been in Troy but six months, sold their 10-acre lot and took home, half a mile north of Troy, a 20-acre tract, and moved to Royal Oak December 20.  
Mr. Bridge and family, of Stylos Stop, D. U. R. car line, on their return home Christmas night found the upstairs of the house filled with smoke. An overheated stove was the cause.  
A number of the elderly ladies from Troy attended a luncheon given at Francis Richards, December 29, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Maud Smith, Royal Oak. Hostesses, Mrs. H. B. Waffles and Mrs. Smith.

### Inactivity Causes Constipation.

Lack of exercise in the winter is a frequent cause for constipation. You feel heavy, dull, listless—your complexion is sallow, and simply, and energetic but you can't get up in the morning. Dr. King's New Life Pills, a mild laxative that relieves the constipation without irritating the bowels, before retiring will assure you a full and easy movement in the morning. See at your druggist's.—Adv.

### Southfieldburg

(Delayed Letter)  
Mrs. John Beddow is very low.  
The Young Workers met at the home of Mrs. Orton Everett for dinner Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beddow, of West Branch, are visiting at the home of John Beddow.  
Miss Sarah Brooks, of Detroit, is spending the holidays with Joseph Brooks and family.  
The Christmas services at the Presbyterian and United Methodist churches were well attended.  
Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Miller and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wood and family spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Emma Brooks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFadden spent Christmas at the home of the former parents in Birmingham.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rundel, of Ann Arbor, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chisena.  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Bell and daughter Blanche, of Milford, spent Christmas at the home of John Ferguson.

### An Edison Is Different from Top to Bottom

If Thomas A. Edison had simply wanted a disc photograph to put on the market he could have put one on like the rest that firms without number are at present flooding the market with. It would have been easier and cheaper, and he could probably have made more money doing it. But no! He was not satisfied with a talking machine.  
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## FRANKLIN

Mrs. Rudl is visiting relatives in Detroit.  
The New Year's party at the Franklin hall was well attended.

Mrs. Charles Leonard's dinner, called on friends in Franklin Friday.  
Miss Mildred Juvencille, of Plymouth, spent a few days with Miss Lillian Roodier.  
Rep. and Mrs. Apling attended a holiday gathering with their relatives near Port Huron.  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roodier entertained the above and Roodier families at New Year's dinner.  
Mrs. John Wesley and daughter Mildred are spending a few days with the former's daughter at Howell.  
Miss Mae Granger has returned to her school duties, after spending a week with her parents in Oxford.  
Prayer services at the church were held Saturday at 10:30, followed by Sunday school. Everybody welcome.  
The Rainbow Club was pleasantly entertained last Saturday at the home of Catherine and Clementine Roy, noon.  
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**Birmingham Time Table**  
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**SOUTH-BOUND—Limited—6:36 a. m.**  
Locals—5:00 a. m., 5:45 a. m., 7:30 a. m., 5:40 a. m., 5:45 a. m., 5:55 a. m., 6:50 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 6:25 a. m., 6:30 a. m., 6:35 a. m., 6:55 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 7:10 a. m., 7:15 a. m., and every 15 minutes to 6:45 p. m., 7:05 p. m., half-hourly intervals to 11:55 p. m.  
**North-bound Locals—5:45 a. m.** and every 15 minutes to 9:15 p. m., 9:35 p. m., 9:55 p. m. and every 30 minutes to 12:55 a. m.  
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## AN OLD SCOTCHMAN SAID, "MANY A MICKLE MAKES A MUCKLE"



### SMALL SAVINGS

It's the little things in life that count!  
Intoxicates mount!  
Day by day, and month by month, finally spans the rounding year; those who save the sums they may, have no thought of want to fear.  
TRUST IS LIFE'S MOST VALUABLE GEM  
It makes for health; contentment too—and whether man or woman, girl or boy, this saving sermon is penned for YOU! With truth and conviction each sentence rings; suggestions if followed, great happiness brings. Resolve as you read this little rhyme, to make you your heart the truth—that feeling are the "wings of time," and SAVE, while yet the morning sun glids the wondrous hours of youth!

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