Essays by English Students

Saving Time

By Evangeline Chatmas

The best way to save time, I have found is to use it profitably. The old proverb says, "A penny saved is a penny made"; so this is true in reference to time. I have learned from experience that time is valuable and is not to be wasted. While a student is gazing around in the study hall, he could be saving time by studying. If he has no lessons, he could be reading something worth-while that would incease his knowledge. A boy who bums around the streets is wasting time. A girl who is forever looking into her "Vanity" ia also wasting her time. As "lost time is never found again", all should try saving it by profitable usage.

My Conception of God

By Joe Turner

It is very difficult to give in suitable words, my conception of that Supreme Being whom we as humble followers call God.

It has been said, and is still said, than God is a lifeless image or a mere imaginary person who dwells in an unknown kingdom, worshipped by ignorant disciples.

Others say that God is real, but think of Him as far away in an unseen place.

To me God is an everliving, divine Being who reigns over this universe with all power, the ruler of all rulers, and the king of all kings. I conceive of God, although unseen physically, as a leader who lives daily with his people, ready to aid, to help, and to comfort. I think of God as an ideal person, perfect in every way. He is to me the kindest and the most comforting of all beings. It is necessary only to look around and see, or to associate with a true, faithful Christian, one who reflects the life of Christ, to be conscious of what God really is. It is necessary only to read the most valuable of all treasures, the Bible, and recall the miraculous deeds and wonders performed by God to see how great He is. When I think of of all the miracles God has accomplished, I conceive of Him as being able no do whatever is His will.

But God is more than Power, more than a Comforter, a Leader, or a Ruler. He is Love, and love has been defined as the *Summum Bonum*, or the greatest thing in all the world. Consequently, my conception of God is, that He is not an idol, not an imaginary person, but an everliving God, the Creator of all that is noble and right and the greatest of all beings.

Some Thoughts on Reading

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The best accomplishment in reading is thought. Julius C. Hare says: from the books which have made me think the most." Just as food should "For my part, I have gained the most profit and the most pleasure also, be digested after it is swallowed, so books should be thought about or digested after they are read. Books, after all, are made up of words. "But words are things, and a small drop of ink falling like dew upon a thought produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think."—Byron.

Shall we consider these thoughts? Then it behooves us to see just what part reading is to play in our lives. Are we to go along poverty-stricken when a world of beauty lies at hand, untouched? Will we allow our brains to work always on transient, selfish pleasures, or will we think of the more lasting good to be derived from worth while things? We might, if we tried reading to a great extent, agree with Trollope: "This habit of reading, I make bold to tell you, is your pass to the greatest, the purest, and the most perfect pleasures that God has prepared for His creatures."