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WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
Princetown UCW Present Programme At Malpeque

The UCW of Princetown United Church of Malpeque met on Tuesday evening with twenty-five members present.

Meeting began by repeating in unison "The Purpose". The devotional leader, Edith Blinzy, opened the service by using the hymn "Teach Me Thy Ways", followed by "I'll Call Her Lucy", "Prayer and Closing Hymn "My Times Are In Thy Hand".

The business period was conducted by the president, Mary Owen. Reports of treasurer, Joyce Ramsay, were given.

Each unit held separate meetings after which an interesting program was presented.

Edith Burns gave an outline of her weeks stay at Tatamagouche Camp which was most interesting and educational.

Mrs. G.W. Ramsay also showed pictures and gave a splendid report of her recent trip by plane to England and Scotland.

Light cream and cake were served by the Baltic - Malpeque Unit.

YORK UCW
 The UCW met in York United

MARY HAWORTH
Parent's Advice Failing To Influence Adopted Boy

Dear Mary Haworth: By the will of God, my husband and I could not produce children. So we adopted two founding boys, who after our character, family background and home had been fully investigated.

The older boy is just past 21. The younger (I'll call him Ralph) will be 18 in October. The elder has grown into a good young man. The younger boy was developing satisfactorily, it seemed, until he reached 16 and started steady-dating a girl (I'll call her Lucy) nearly a year his senior.

We strongly opposed the steady dating, as they were getting serious and we could see it was troubling Ralph emotionally. But they wouldn't listen and grew bitter towards us.

Finally we asked Lucy's mother to reason with her, but the mother said she never interfered with her daughter's romances. She likes to see her with our son (as it is difficult for her to find good companions) and also that Lucy knows what she is doing.

Lucy's father said he felt sorry for our son and threatened to come over and tear our house apart. We retorted that he is a foolish man.

Lucy said she and her mother found our attitude incredible; that Ralph would have been better off left in the orphanage; that we've brought him up in a prison house, crushing his personality until he can't decide for himself and the sooner he gets free of us, the better, because then he'll be really living. She said he should have put his foot down with us at age 12 (and much more in bitter vein).

Previously we had met her several times and had supposed her to be a nice girl as she goes to a very good school. But as the proverb says: "One can't tell a book by the cover."

Ralph is a stranger to us now, being, rebellious, breaking promises. The girl tells him he has nothing to gain by being truthful with us and he believes her.

Can you give a spark of light on how to regain his love and respect and save him from this wrong influence? We know the importance of prayer, and we are praying. What a pity that natural parents can't be screened as exhaustively as adoptive parents—B.

Dear P.: There is doubtless a great irony in your closing comment—"What a pity that natural parents can't be screened as

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Dear Mary Haworth: By the will of God, my husband and I could not produce children. So we adopted two founding boys, who after our character, family background and home had been fully investigated.

The older boy is just past 21. The younger (I'll call him Ralph) will be 18 in October. The elder has grown into a good young man. The younger boy was developing satisfactorily, it seemed, until he reached 16 and started steady-dating a girl (I'll call her Lucy) nearly a year his senior.

We strongly opposed the steady dating, as they were getting serious and we could see it was troubling Ralph emotionally. But they wouldn't listen and grew bitter towards us.

Finally we asked Lucy's mother to reason with her, but the mother said she never interfered with her daughter's romances. She likes to see her with our son (as it is difficult for her to find good companions) and also that Lucy knows what she is doing.

Lucy's father said he felt sorry for our son and threatened to come over and tear our house apart. We retorted that he is a foolish man.

Lucy said she and her mother found our attitude incredible; that Ralph would have been better off left in the orphanage; that we've brought him up in a prison house, crushing his personality until he can't decide for himself and the sooner he gets free of us, the better, because then he'll be really living. She said he should have put his foot down with us at age 12 (and much more in bitter vein).

Previously we had met her several times and had supposed her to be a nice girl as she goes to a very good school. But as the proverb says: "One can't tell a book by the cover."

Ralph is a stranger to us now, being, rebellious, breaking promises. The girl tells him he has nothing to gain by being truthful with us and he believes her.

Can you give a spark of light on how to regain his love and respect and save him from this wrong influence? We know the importance of prayer, and we are praying. What a pity that natural parents can't be screened as exhaustively as adoptive parents—B.

Dear P.: There is doubtless a great irony in your closing comment—"What a pity that natural parents can't be screened as

exhaustively as adopting parents."

Plainly you had in mind Lucy's parents and the night character they've begot in her, which they applaud as if proud of their handiwork.

But unfortunately your ardent reflection applies equally to Ralph's unknown parents too. It is reasonable to suppose that his really nasty misbehavior since following the lead of Lucy and her parents, in flouting your authority and solicitude, is somewhat the result of "what is bred in the bone coming out in the flesh."

You've quoted a proverb as applying to Lucy—"One can't tell a book by its cover." It is only when she opens her mouth in a triumphant mood of feeling she has the upperhand, that her strident, braying temperament is revealed.

To your proverb about her, I would add two others, applying to both her and Ralph: "Water seeks its own level" and "Birds of a feather flock together." Lucy and Ralph are two of a kind in their willful disposition to run their own side show, a disposition that refers to serious social misfit qualities in both of them, not to precocious maturity of mind or strength of purpose, as Lucy imagines.

Actually Ralph is a weakling and she the predatory partner in their alliance. He has no more freedom of decision in relation to her at this time than a mouse has, with the cat in control.

In talking turkey to you about Ralph, I hope for his sake that I have his attention also. If he ever had a chance of growing up to become a reasonably civilized, emotionally stable citizen, you give him that chance by adopting him and doing all in your power to promote his best interests, as you are doing now in trying to keep him out of trouble with Lucy (who is trouble personified).

So don't take the attitude that you've got to somehow softsoap him into treating you right. You have already earned a square deal on that score. But if he can't or won't give it, he is turned out at heart, you mustn't grovel. Get the best legal aid and analyze counsel that your local Family Service and Legal Aid Bureau can provide, in dealing strongly with the whole problem, day after day.—M.H.

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