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## The Message This Month

### CHARACTER

Last month we made the statement that we should develop our abilities and capacities and build in us good character. We said that we should build good character in order that we may know how to live harmoniously and happily with our fellowmen.

What is character? If we were good every day and in everything we do and say, people believe that we have a good character. But if we were bad, our character is bad. However, our character, good or bad, does not depend upon what people think or say about us for it depends entirely upon what we really are. Our friends think that we are diligent and prompt to study our lessons in school and to do our duties at home. But if we neither study our lessons nor help our folks at home, of course, we are not what our friends think we are. Our enemies think that we are undesirable classmates. They tell others not to befriend us because we are quarrelsome. But as a matter of fact we are friendly and helpful to our classmates even to our enemies. Our character therefore, is good in spite of the opinion of our ene-

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## Every Month

In THE YOUNG CITIZEN  
you will always find:

### Stories

Young people will read again and again—stories that build character, folklore, fanciful stories, and educational stories.

### Poems

that the young people of the Philippines love.

### Contests and Things-To-Do

Games, puzzles, things to make, cooking, drawing, etc.

### Art, History, and Nature Study

Beautiful photographs and entertaining articles and stories which can really entertain and interest young people in these important subjects.

### Interesting Features

The Pen and Pencil Circle, which stimulates creative expression; the Hobby Page, which opens the way to new interests and develops initiative; and the Citizenship Page, which instills practical ideals of good citizenship in the boys and girls who tomorrow will be the leaders of the world.

### Book Chats

About books and authors young people will be interested in.

### Science and Health

Talks on scientific subjects, special recipes and menus, articles on health and sanitation.

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## KIKO'S ADVENTURES—Kiko Went Fishing

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## What Do You Know About Nature?

This is a continuation of the Nature Quiz begun last month. You will find the answers to these questions on page 49.

1. Which can turn its head farther around its neck, you or a bird?
2. Do rabbits walk?
3. Which sings, the male or the female canary?
4. How is a frog's tongue different from your tongue?
5. Where are a rabbit's eyes placed?
6. What part of the plant is the potato? Is it a leaf, a stem, a bud, or a root?
7. What fish lives in the sea and goes to fresh water streams to lay its eggs?
8. Name an animal that is found only in the Philippines, one that is found only in Australia, two that are found only in Africa.
9. Is the tomato a fruit or a vegetable?
10. What is the English name for camotes?

## Learning To Use New Expressions

Read the story below. Remember the expressions that are new to you.

The town fiesta was celebrated last Sunday. Early in the morning, Rosa went out to *pick* some flowers. She *picked so many* that she dropped some of them. She *picked them up* and showed them to her mother. Her mother told her to *pick out* the red ones for the sala.

Answer the following questions. In your answers use the expressions underlined in the story.

1. Why did Rosa go out?
2. What did she do with the flowers she dropped?
3. What did her mother tell her to do?

Fill the blanks with the correct expressions. Each blank stands for a word or a group of words.

1. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ the waste paper on the school ground?
  2. We must not \_\_\_\_\_ flowers in other people's gardens.
  3. When picking guavas, do you \_\_\_\_\_ all the fruit, or, do you \_\_\_\_\_ the ripe ones?
  4. Here are some shells. \_\_\_\_\_ the clean ones.
  5. It is a pleasure to \_\_\_\_\_ sampaguitas early in the morning.
  6. I \_\_\_\_\_ the buds and the open flowers.
- Then my sister \_\_\_\_\_ the buds for her necklace.

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## CHARACTER

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mies. Thus we see that other people cannot make character for us, for we ourselves build character in us.

The habits of doing things, of expressing ideas, and thoughts, of showing manners and attitudes of

managing temper and emotions, of keeping promises, of making and maintaining decisions,—all these sets of habits and many other little habits—constitute character. Bind tightly all these habits into a bundle and we have character.

To build, as early as possible, desirable habits is to lay the solid

foundation of a good character. Forming the habit of solving accurately arithmetical problems such as  $2 \times 2 = 4$  and not 5;  $3 + 5 = 8$  and not 9;  $9 \div 3 = 3$  and not 2; is just like forming desirable habits that may eventually grow into a beautiful structure of a good character.

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