

not have the strength of character and willpower to carry them through.

One boy in a valedictory address for his class expressed concern about the responsibilities facing his generation. He said:

"We of this generation are to become in the next twenty years, the political representatives, the religious leaders, the scientists, the educators, the makers of literature and art, and the protectors of the civil rights of the people. In twenty years, beginning now, we shall set social standards, heal the sick, care for the disabled, preserve natural resources, and promote civic welfare. It will be in our generation that the people of the world will decide whether nuclear power shall spell out abundance or destruction."

These are the responsibilities of your generation and it is important that your horizons in the '73 year be good enough to deal with them.

What is your outlook toward work, toward leisure time, toward your relationships with other people, toward religion, the things of the spirit?

Work — One thing that is good in these days is that women now have the right to work in almost any



Dr. Chapman, theme speaker, autographs her book for Miss Brenda Vanpatter, St. Thomas.

profession hitherto open only to men. Another thing is the growing trend in education for learning to live rather than so much emphasis on earning a living. Another good trend is that so many young people want work that has meaning for them, that they can enjoy and where they can help people, not exploit them.

For many years work for girls was regarded as a stop gap between school and marriage. So many girls who could have been very happy and competent did not get the necessary education. A principal of a top ranking girls' college in the United States once said, "If the girls would come to her school without the fixed idea that they were going to get married as soon as possible after they graduated, the school could have developed numbers of brilliant women whose gifts were lost to the world because as girls they were never trained to use them. So the girl loses her chance to grow into the woman she might have been."

A career isn't likely to deter a girl from getting married but it may make a difference in the kind of

man she marries. If a girl delays marriage for a career, her horizons may broaden and her choice of life partner be quite different than it would have been if she had married earlier.

Play or Leisure — They tell us that we're going to have more leisure time in the years ahead. Are we giving some thought as to how we are going to use our leisure? Perhaps one of the most rewarding leisure time occupations of the future will be work, but work that we love but that isn't what we do to earn a living.

It is in our leisure time that we experience a lot of our social life. Have you been able to take a look at some of the standards and customs of this 1973 permissive society — the easy conscience about drugs, drinking, sex, pornography. You must set high standards for yourselves and perhaps others will watch you and follow your example. Of a certain girl's influence in the community the poet Whittier says

"and when in pleasant harvest moons
The youthful huskers gather
Or sleigh-drives on the mountain ways
Defy the winter weather
The coarseness of a ruder time
Her finer mirth displaces;
A subtler sense of pleasure fills
Each rustic sport she graces".

One field where you may have to work hard to keep your horizons clear is in your standards of morality and your religious faith or it could be called "the things of the spirit". Try to keep your sense of wonder about things that some people never think about because science can't explain them. Elizabeth Browning says

"Earth's crammed with heaven
And every burning bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries".

Keep your sense of wonder. Keep your reverence. Hang onto your convictions. Don't be ready to follow any crackpot who offers some substitute for the faith in which you grew up.

Don't cling to the past in the belief that ways that were once good are still the best today. At the same time, know that some things are timeless. If you believe that an old virtue is as valid today as ever it was, you are probably right.

Have faith. Faith doesn't come easily. It has to be built up and if you practice your faith when you don't need it desperately, it will be there when you need it. Two thousand years ago St. Paul told us that greater than any ritual, creed or moral code is love — love that really cares about the welfare of others.

Human Relations — One relationship that will be of very great concern to you will be your relationship with boys. In your work or in your school, you will be associated with young men. Do you know how to be friendly without being familiar without being possessive?

You will hear a lot of cynical things about marriage. You will hear that chastity is out of date, that experiments in man woman relationship are good? I assure you that if you get involved in something you are ashamed of, you will get hurt.

You will hear about Womens' Lib. Some of the claims they are pushing are good but they hurt their