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EDITORIAL

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

An important factor in any church is its young people. The church of the future, its spirituality and aggressiveness, depends largely on the young people of today. We are in hearty sympathy with the organization of the Young People's Association and believe there is fine material in the personnel of the officers and members of the General Association, and we are praying and planning for great things. By the first of September or soon after there should be a young people's association in every church where there are enough young people to organize. Great care should be exercised in the selection of officers in the local branch. No young person who is unsaved should be elected to hold office, but they should be spiritual and sound in doctrine.

The number of young people attending the Alliance and Camp Meeting this year was a great inspiration. Parents should be interested to get their children to the annual camp meeting. It looks like an expensive proposition, but it pays in the end. The responsibility of parents is great in the saving of their families. We should claim all of our young people for the Lord, and spread the truth of holiness.

OUR LIFE'S WORK

Every Christian is called to a life of service in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It certainly is a great cause to spend one's life in, and what can have a greater reward than a life devoted to the cause of helping others to see the reality in full salvation. It is certainly sad as well to see cases like King Saul and Solomon losing their grip on God in their latter days.

We are sure that God is pleased to have us like Enoch, Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Daniel, Simeon, Paul and John. The psalmist exclaimed: "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing." Ps. 92-14. May we not be influenced by our surroundings, to let down and cool off, and give way to the present day laxity along so many lines. Let us keep in vital touch with God and the baptism of the Holy Spirit fresh on our souls, so that we may be able to say with Paul, "I have kept the faith." This we believe is our privilege and duty, so that we may be able to pass the test in the final day.

We should labour to the end that we may hear that, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Our life's Work.

THE REST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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ive, "Enter into My rest" (God's rest), "Entering into His rest." "Entered into His rest." In a similar sense Jesus said to His disciples, "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you;" and again, "My peace I give unto you." John 15:11 and 14:27. From His own person, it could be nothing less than a sweet rest, a delightful rest, a rest that is the opposite of restlessness.

This word rest is the same as is used in the passage which speaks of the ark resting on Mt. Ararat after the deluge which cleansed the earth from unrighteousness and also the same as that which tells of Israel resting from war after victory had been won.

It is like a rest which comes as a relief from some tormenting malady. I remember after several years of painful annoyance from an enlarged appendix, I awoke one day from an ether sleep, and a feeling of glad rest came over me as I realized that the thing which had troubled me so long was removed. How much more blessed to know that carnality is removed from the heart!

"Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." And "let us labor (be diligent and hasten) to enter into that rest" which is a freedom, or rest, from restlessness, a rest from trying by our own efforts to be righteous, a rest from the torments of doubts and fears, a calmness, a tranquility, a repose, a sacred communion. Charles Wesley, in one of his hymns has expressed it in these beautiful words:

"Lord, I believe a rest remains
To all they people known;
A rest where pure enjoyment reigns,
And thou art loved alone,
A rest where all our soul's desire
Is fixed on things above:
Where fear and sin and grief expire,
Cast out by perfect love."

Does your heart echo this longing?
"O that I now this rest might know.
Believe and enter in!
Now, Saviour, now the power bestow
And cleanse me from all sin."

"Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."—Jessie Bright.

THE TEMPLE IN PARADISE

Let me remind you of that legend about the temple in Paradise. Tradition says that there was a temple in Paradise for Adam and Eve to worship in. The place would certainly not be crowded! But this temple was built of pearl, and was the most magnificent shrine that ever stood on this planet. The foundations were diamonds, and the dome was a mighty flashing sapphire. It was the most majestic temple the world has ever seen. But the story says that on the day when Adam sinned it fell into ruin and was strewn all over the planet. So the diamonds and pearls, the topaz and beryl, and all the rest of the precious stones found today are the remnants of the primitive shrine.

There is a profound lesson under that legend. Through human sin and folly the temple of truth has been shattered, and in the creeds and philosophies of men of all nations you find the scattered remnants mixed with rubbish, yet shining in the dust. But on the day when our Lord stepped into our midst and said, "I am the Truth," we got the temple back in more than fabled splendour, let down from God out of Heaven. It makes all the difference whether you get the whole truth or only a bit of truth, a glittering speck of truth; it is another thing when you get the whole redeeming truth set forth in the majestic figure which stands in the midst of the Christian revelation. John 14:6.—Dr. W. L. Watkinson.

IT IS NO SIGN—

A. E. Fox

It is no sign of a second work of grace wrought in the heart of a believer because some folk teach that speaking in an unknown jargon, so-called tongue (language) is an evidence of the fact—no more of an evidence of a pure heart than was the false prophets who withstood Moses when Jannes and Jambres also turned their rods into snakes like unto the true servant of God.

It is no sign of broadmindedness because every one does not agree with you in all of your conjectures; but sometimes it is a sign of a very narrow or straitened mind instead.

It is no sign that the other sheep of God's pasture are goats because they do not follow you in all your ways, such as creeds, doctrines and in your manners of worship.

It is no sign of a pure heart and life just because you are very busy doing religious things and attending the means of grace regularly. The Pharisees were full of good works; they were known to be the greatest formalists this world ever knew, yet they were condemned by our Lord, as corrupt at heart and full of hypocrisy even as whited sepulchres which indeed appear beautiful without, but were full of dead men's bones. Moral: Be clean within, instead of simply having a "do religion." Also have a religion that will "do"—an experience of heart that will stand the scrutinizing gaze of Almighty God.

It is no sign of humility when you make yourself humble to be seen and praised of men; but as God cleanses your heart from sinful pride and as you humble yourself in His sight, dying daily to the crucifying of your own desires and pleasures, you are truly humble.

It is no sign of chastity and holiness because you are honest and upright before your fellow-men who judge you only by your outward demeanor, but God reads the motives and intents of the heart. Neither is it a sign of inward purity because you give liberally to the poor, for it is possible to give all your possessions away and yet be backslidden at heart and altogether in sin.

It is no sign of your superiority over others because the Lord encourages you by giving you many souls through your ministry. Sometimes the weakest of God's workers are those whom He sees fit to bless in their labors more than some who are stronger and do not need this extra blessing. Let us cease looking for signs and wonders, loaves and fishes, and get down to business for the Lord, redeeming the time, for the days are evil.—Church Herald and Holiness Banner.