

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—Titus 2-15

THE EPOCHS OF
CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

By Hilda M. Doyle

Just as there are outstanding events in the lives of individuals from a natural standpoint, so there are two very definite experiences in the life of a Christian. They are regeneration and sanctification.

The first of these takes place when we recognize our sinfulness and seek the Lord to the saving of our souls. Not because of our worthiness but because of His love and mercy, does God incline His ear to the penitent heart, and He not only forgives the guilty past but implants the witness in our heart which tells us that we are born of God. Truly this is a memorable day. This experience we term our conversion, which means to be changed from one state to another. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. II Cor. 5:17. Our desires, ambitions, and affections are all changed. "There's a great change since I've been born." Praise the Lord, we can know when the change takes place. Jacob surely had an experience like this, for years after, when his life was drawing to a close, he said unto Joseph, "God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me". Yes, he even remembered the place.

"Many things may be obscure,
But of one thing I am sure,
Jesus saves me,
I know He saves me."

Personally, I cannot understand how some folk can be satisfied with a guess so or a hope so religion. The kind which attracts me is the kind I can really know about, the kind which enables me to point back to the time when the change took place.

This experience is blessed, and for a time perhaps we will feel that we have all there is for us. But if we follow on to know the Lord and are obedient, we will not go very far until we see that God has something even greater for us—yes, a second definite blessing. I well remember the time I made my consecration and said the last yes. That epoch I shall never forget. I believe Jacob realized this experience too. No doubt many times during his sojourning he dated back to the night when he tarried "this side the brook". Jacob took the midnight journey for we read, "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." Gen. 32:24. He had come to the place where he realized that he must have definite help from the Lord. So great was this need that the word tells us that he prevailed and said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Gen. 32:26. God honored this spirit of importunity, for we read, "And he blessed him there."

Too many of us have failed at this place. We came to the place where we saw our need of heart holiness and asked God to sanctify us; but when he began to lay his finger upon something that we held dear, we felt the price was too great, and rather than die out we either accepted a substitute or have gone away defeated. God wants men and women, yes, young people who will give him their all without reservations and trust the results with him. Many times it involves sacrifices that we didn't expect, but God pays big dividends. Jacob prevailed and came through with the blessing. You and I can do the same. Then we can say with Paul, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things

to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38-39.

While these are outstanding experiences, I do not believe that the Lord would have us live too much in the past, nor to be satisfied with present attainments. There is much land ahead to be possessed. As we look ahead let us as young people go in for all that God has for us. Too many are living beneath their privileges. Perhaps as we look over the past we may have many regrets; let us not become discouraged over past failures, but say again with Paul, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-14.

There will be many problems and crosses, but by the help of the Lord I have bound the sacrifice with cords even unto the horns of the altar, and purpose to be true.

SPECIAL RATES FOR BEULAH CAMP

The Young People's Association wishes to announce a reduced rate to all young people, members of any of our societies, who attend Beulah camp this year for a week or more. A meal ticket, covering the period of one week, can be obtained for four dollars (\$4.00). This is a very low rate, and by taking advantage of it you can spend a whole week at the camp meeting for a little more than five dollars (\$5.00).

Now if you really want to go to Beulah, begin to look for an opportunity to earn the necessary amount, and God will help you. We are expecting a wonderful camp and we want YOU to be there. No previous arrangement is necessary to obtain this special rate until you arrive at the camp meeting.

Nehemiah's people had "a mind to work," and if you are as anxious to get to Beulah as they were to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, God will meet your need, and we will enjoy having you with us. Amen! Plan to be there.

BENNETT C. COCHRANE,
President.

CONVENTION SONGS FOR BEULAH

We have the following three convention songs for this year: "There is Joy in Serving Jesus", "The Savior Can Solve Every Problem", and "There's a New Day Dawning". All of these are excellent songs and we believe that they will contribute much to our convention. The first two are on one sheet and we are planning to sell them for a very low figure. We extend a special offer to the Young People's Societies and if you are interested in obtaining these songs for use in your society, you may have a number of copies reserved. You may have twenty-five (25) copies for sixty cents (60c) or fifty (50) copies for one dollar (\$1.00). These new songs are just what you need for your meetings.

We also have a new song and chorus sheet which we shall use in our regular daily young people's services at Beulah.

If you wish to have twenty-five (25) fifty (50), or one hundred (100) copies of the song sheet containing "There's Joy in Serving Jesus", and "The Savior Can Solve Every Problem", write and have them reserved for you. Please send orders to my home address, Marysville, N. B.

BENNETT C. COCHRANE,
Y. P. President.

EDITORIAL

THEY BUILT GREATER

THAN THEY KNEW

In 1840 David Livingstone left Scotland as a missionary to Africa, and during the next thirty-three years, with the exception of three or four years spent in England, travelled thousands of miles in the heart of that dark continent, exploring new territory and telling the story of Christ to hundreds who had never heard it before. Three different times he was lost to the world for so long that parties were sent out to search for him. He endured undescribed hardships, and at one time was almost clawed to death by a lion. He buried his wife and family in the land where he himself died in 1873 with only a few natives around him. He was only doing his duty, going where God called. But his remains were buried in Westminster Abbey, and both science and the religion of Jesus Christ will continue to profit through the ages by what he accomplished. He builded greater than he knew.

I might speak further of John Wesley, of Francis Asbury, of Hudson Taylor, of George Muller, of D. L. Moody, and of many others whose memory is cherished today. They, like Saint Paul, fought a good fight and finished the course. Their work was great in their lifetime, but greater still in death because they builded the foundation upon which succeeding generations are erecting the superstructure. But to come nearer to our own work, let us think of such men as James E. Drysdale, G. W. McDonald, W. B. Wiggins, Wm. Kinghorn and others of the early days of our denomination, who, amid insults and persecution, established the work of Holiness in our part of the country. They did a noble work in life, but it is nobler by far because it has lived on, and they being dead, yet speak. They builded greater than they knew.

There is a deep significance here for us. As these our noble predecessors passed on they left us the challenge:

"To you from falling hands we throw the torch;
Be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep—"

The challenge to continue the work which they started is before us—the challenge to go forth in the same spirit, under the same banners, upholding the same standard, and in the name of the Lord of Hosts advance, conquering and to conquer. Oh, may a double portion of their spirit rest upon us—may their mantle fall upon us. Perchance, if we are faithful, we too shall build greater than we know.

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PSALM 119 : 105

I need Thee in life's morning, Lord,
Though all around me, day grows bright,
Thy living word shall be my lamp;
"At evening time it shall be bright."

O'er steep and narrow paths I tread;
I walk by faith and not by sight.
When darkness falls I will not dread,
Thy blessed word my path shall light.

Forsake nor leave me not, O Lord,
Till safe I stand on yonder shore,
Dear Lamb of God, Thou living word,
Do light my heaven forevermore.

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