

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12

The Young People's Convention of District No. 4 will convene at Sandford, N. S., Saturday evening, December 14th, 1935.

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LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

By Hazel F. Webb

Lift up your heads, ye weary, you've labored not in vain;
Soon Christ the Lord by His own word will banish grief and pain.
For soon will come the harvest, when God will claim His own.
Those who for sin rejected Him, must reap as they have sown.

Our cares will then be over, no more our hearts will sigh;
For love and peace will e'er increase, and flourish bye and bye.
Then Christ will walk among us; we shall His kingdom share;
He who was slain, on earth again will love men everywhere.

Then we'll live on forever, the Lamb shall be the light;
The Morning Star will shine afar; no more shall come the night.
Then Christ the Lord will lead us, and wipe each tearful eye;
His joy we'll share forever there, and praise Him bye and bye.

JOE HAS PROBLEMS

Dear Tom:

Now that you are settled in college and like it so well, I will tell you something. I was really afraid that you would be disappointed when you got there or would become discouraged when you tackled all the work you would have to do. When most people go to a new place or take a new job they usually have everything pictured so idealistically that they are sure to be let down in pretty good style. Life is very real no matter where it is lived, with problems where ever we turn. I am glad that my fears for you were groundless, or at least did not materialize with serious results.

Talking of problems, the other day just after mother had gone away for a brief visit, my young brother came to me something like this, all excited and in a hurry. "Hey, Joe," he said, "I need twenty cents. All the school kids are going to the movies this afternoon and I'm going too." "What was that?" I said. "You are going where?" "Yes, sir," he said, "Our teacher is going to let school out at two o'clock and she told us all to bring our money with us, and she is going to go with us. The kids all say it is a swell picture, and the teacher says it is educational, all about nature and the wild animals in the big forests, and about a man who is awful brave and rescues a girl from being frozen to death up north. The teacher is going, so I know it is all right, and I know mother would say so. She wouldn't think that just once would hurt me, especially when it is such a good picture. Come on, Joe, be a good sport. Don't make me be an odd one and a sissy among all the rest of the boys."

I'll tell you I was stumped for a while. I didn't want to make the youngster feel bad, and I didn't want to make him lose faith in

his teacher, but I knew what dad would have done if he were living, so I had to say "No." It hurt me to have to hurt him, but it is best in the long run. I wrote a note to his teacher so he wouldn't have to do the explaining. But there you have it all over again—Christians are up against the world wherever they turn. We can't do what the world does, and they call us narrow. We can't go where they go, and they call us old fashioned. We can't make them our closest friends, and they call us stuck-up. We testify that God has saved us, and they accuse us of saying how good we are. They make it hard for us, and it costs us something to be a Christian, but I believe Jesus meant what he said when he told us to come out from among them and be separate. After all, what do the things of the world amount to anyway, in comparison to what God gives the Christian. I believe we can get so far away from those things that they won't affect us any more. Praise the Lord, I feel good about it. I'm going through. That's my testimony tonight.

Your true friend,

JOE

THE CHILDREN'S ARMY

"Hark to the tread of the children's army,
Look on the youthful and bright-faced throng,

Hastening forward with eager footsteps,
Marching the highway of time along."

As I write, the melody of this song (the theme song of our Junior Crusaders) sung as only children can sing, re-echoes through my mind; and in fancy I hear the patter of little feet, an over-increasing number of them, marching through the open door of our Junior Crusader Plan to joyfully take their stand under the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Already a number of Groups are fully organized and regularly functioning, and the leaders report that the children demonstrate an intense interest in their work, and give expression to a genuine desire to do something for Christ. A brief extract from the report of one of our leaders will give an idea of the early fruitfulness of this good work. She writes, "You will be glad to learn that four of our Crusade Group found the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour in recent meetings. The children are a real blessing to the church, and are very happy in feeling that they are doing something for the Lord."

Yes, indeed, it is soul-thrilling to hear of "these little ones" coming to the Saviour who so gladly welcomed them to His company while He was on earth, and we are also very sure that not only in this quoted instance, but everywhere that a Crusader Group is functioning, the children are proving of great blessing to their church.

Should it not alarm us to know that in a few instances churches report: "Sorry, but we haven't enough children to organize a Crusade Group." What of the future of such a church? The value of child-training need not be enlarged upon, as all agree that the character of every individual is quite largely determined by the influence and teaching of early years. "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Has your church a Junior Crusader Group? If not, why not organize one now? Adopt the

plan now, place the children of your church under the care of a spiritual and efficient leader, and you too will be gladdened as you see the little ones joyfully working for the Master and perfecting praise to God as they join with the others of Christ's youthful army to sing:

"Marching along, marching along,

Led by the King we are singing a song.

Marching along, marching along,

Marching the highway of life along."

Yours, in behalf of "The Children's Army,"

BENNETT COCHRANE

MORE ABOUT OUR LIBRARY

I trust a great many of our friends are already beginning to look through their assortment of books, selecting those which they are going to donate to our new lending library. Of course we are thinking particularly of the people on District No. 1, since it is to be a District Library to begin with. But anyone who feels the importance of proper reading matter among our young people may feel free to assist us. "People are not better usually than the books they read." Young people like to read and will do a certain amount of it, and we want to not only help them to know what is best to read, but also help them to procure those books.

Our main purpose is to stimulate good reading habits, which may well be done even before we get our library under way. Why not start now to always keep a good book near at hand with which to use up those odd moments? If you haven't books of your own, borrow from your neighbor or your pastor. There are two books which you should by all means read if you haven't done so. They are "Ben Hur" and "Pilgrim's Progress," both of which will stand a second or third reading. Then here are a few other suggestions that might be useful to you. "Ann of Ava," by E. D. Hubbard, is a missionary book that will live in your mind long after you have finished it. "The Prince of the House of David," by J. H. Ingraham, "A Bunch of Everlastings," by F. W. Boreham, and "The Last Eight Days of the Life of Jesus Christ," by John Matthews, will give you a good beginning. Other suggestions will follow from time to time. So let's all get down a book and begin to form another good habit.

As Our Pastors: Will you do your best by us in the way of books in order to help us get a supply to start with? Thank you!

To Our Friends: If you have no books to give us, we will gladly accept some money with which to buy some. Thank you!

H. J. S. BLANEY

SUGGESTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Psalm I.

We have here a very short but plain contrast between the godly and the ungodly. "True piety is the source of ultimate happiness, and sin, of misery."

The Godly

1. **What he does not do.** Verse I. In the words walketh, standeth, and sitteth, along with the other words council, way, and seat, we find that he shuns that graduating scale of evil associations which lead him into ungodliness.

2. **What he does do.** He finds such delight