

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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EDITORIAL

"Christ for the Young People
and

the Young People for Christ."

When our Young People's Association was still in the cradle of its infancy, one of its own members suggested that the above caption be chosen as the slogan of that youthful organization. The more we consider this slogan and the purpose embodied therein, the more thoroughly we are convinced that, as a principle of aim and action, no more lofty or beautiful ideal could have been chosen. Herein is the two-fold purpose for which we exist; beautifully expressed is the task of each member of each society comprising the enrollment of the union; revealing Christ to young people, and bringing young people to Christ. The first contains for the needy, longing soul, all the benefits of a perfect and personal salvation; the second suggests the glorious possibilities resulting from that satisfied heart yielding themselves to a life of consecrated effort for the Christ whom they have found.

Young people of to-day are searching for Christ. They are longing for Him. The glamorous attractions of the world of pleasure are being shorn of their pretentious beauty, and are discovered as incomplete and disappointing. Modern methods of compromising youth movements are inadequate in their substitutions and are pathetically failing. Gradually, but very surely, the youth of today, wounded, disappointed, and sometimes embittered, are turning away from the offerings of those who seek to duplicate that which Christ provides, and their new direction will lead them, if they are rightly guided, to that Man with the Cross. Let us not, as others, be deceived into believing that the Christ way is not the way they seek, and the Christ life is not the life they desire. The highway of this modern age is thickly populated with adult life which, weary and disappointed with substitutionary experiments, is scanning the horizon for that which will satisfy the inward yearning that so intensely seeks its ultimate.

"Christ for the young people" is our answer, our only answer, to the call of these hungry hearts. If we can bring them into contact with the Man of Galilee, their restless roving will be o'er.

Oh how great importance then is the first part of our slogan. They seek they know not what but we know what they seek. Furthermore, it is very clearly indicated in the Word that, if souls are to be led to the Saviour, it must be through someone who is already acquainted with Him so intimately that they can bring others to a place of like fellowship.

Do we sense the great heart-yearning of the youth of our day? Do we realize that "none but Christ can satisfy"? Is the fact of our responsibility as youthful ambassadors recognized? If so, let us gladly and courageously take up the task and we shall go forth to win for the Master the young people of to-day.

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"God made you for an end. Find out what that end is; find out your niche, and fill it. If it be ever so little, if it is only to be a hewer of wood and drawer of water, do something in this great battle for God and truth."—C. H. Spurgeon.

THE SALVATION OF THE CHILDREN

"It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish."—Matt. 18:14.

The words of the text reveal to us the will of God concerning the children. The words also imply that these children are in danger. One of the most expressive words in the Bible is employed respecting them—the word "perish". Do we realize the full meaning of this fearful word? Jesus uses this term as the opposite to everlasting life and hence it means not only the destruction of the body but also of the soul.

Are our children—these boys and girls who we speak to so carelessly and pass by so thoughtlessly—really in great danger? The Psalmist says "They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." These children so sweet and innocent to us are born with a depraved nature and so they are in danger, first, from the depravity of their nature. No matter how much we love children we must not forget that they are "shapen in iniquity."

Our duty towards the children is clearly set forth in the words of the text. His will is our law. He wills that they should be saved, therefore it is our duty to labor and pray to that end. Are we fulfilling all His will in this respect? Are we as concerned about the children of our church and our community as we should be? Here is an opportunity for every young person to be of service. Help make the children's meetings interesting. Support the leader by your prayers and assistance. Get into close relationship with the children and let them feel your interest and sympathy and above all strive with God's help to set them a good example.

Though it is not the will of God that one of these little ones should perish it certainly is the will and purpose of the evil one that everyone of them should perish. He who caused our first parents to fall would use all his resources to destroy these little ones. We, as God's children, should ever be alert for an opportunity to help and encourage them and to plant the truth of the Gospel in their minds. The spirit of the world would destroy their faith in Christ as the atoning Saviour of a fallen race.

God's will concerning the children is not only that they should not perish but He wills and He has made provisions that they be saved. As young people who are striving for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the world should we not work and pray that they might be saved while they are young? It may sometimes be true that "the greatest sinner makes the greatest saint" but pastors of wide experience have stated, and we can readily understand why, that some of the most useful Christians were converted in childhood. Why should these, the best years of their lives, be wasted?

The famous painting "The Last Supper" by Leonard de Vinci has had a most tragic history. For a long time covered with water it emerged at last without even a friendly hand to cleanse the mud from its face. Next, the prior had a door cut through it to the convent kitchen and during Napoleon's campaign in northern Italy this hall was used as a stable for horses and later as a storehouse for hay. Now when the picture is a mouldering ruin the greatest care is taken of it. How true to life is the history of this great work of art. The forces of the enemy are doing their utmost to ruin these precious

young lives and we pass them thoughtlessly by, until they have become so entangled and controlled by the enemy that they fail to recognize the still small voice of the Spirit.

Shall the Lord hold us guiltless if we fail in our duty here? May He help us as young people to lead these children, both by precept and example until they come to know the Saviour who has styled himself to be the Shepherd of these lambs.

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Now when the heart is tender,
Now while the cheek is fair;
Now is the time to render
The consecrating prayer.
Now let the fragrant incense
Of first best vows ascend
To Him who loves the children,
To Christ, their first, best Friend.

B. J. SALVAGE

Our Y. P. S of District No. 3 met with the Y. P. Society in the Church at Seal Cove, Oct. 8th to 11th, with Rev. F. A. Watson of Beals, Me., as our special speaker. The meetings were attended by God's blessing as our brother brought deep, Spirit-filled messages from the Word.

There were not many societies represented besides those of Seal Cove Society, but we hope in the future that our societies will make a greater effort, if possible, to send delegates and reports to the Convention.

Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Cochrane arrived on Saturday and were able to attend all the Sunday meetings.

On Thursday evening, the first meeting, Bro. Watson's text was Matt. 16:33, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Friday evening's message was based upon Luke 18:22.

On Saturday evening an extract from Hosea 10:12 was the very fitting text, ". . . for it is time to seek the Lord."

Sunday's meetings were blessed by the presence of the Lord. At 10 a. m. the writer led the Love Feast. A blessed testimony service followed. Brother Watson preached the morning message, using as a text St. John 17th ch. Four seekers sought help at the altar. The closing service was at 7.45 p. m. Our brother delivered a very practical message from Eccles. 8:11, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

Let us as Young People continue to strive for conventions of even greater blessing, and individually, for a closer and deeper walk with God.

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"Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work to-day;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died,
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.
What if our hands are busy
With other work than His?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is?