

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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"CHRIST FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CHRIST"

(Article 2)

In our first article under this slogan caption, we stated that the first part of this declaration contains for the needy, longing soul, all the benefits of a perfect and personal salvation; the second, the glorious possibilities resulting from that satisfied heart yielding itself to a life of consecrated effort for the Christ whom they have found.

Yes, it is true, that in spite of the multitude of glamorous and attractive offerings that a wily and ingenious tempter has been able to present, there exists still unsatisfied, an intense longing in the heart of youth that is satisfied only when that individual or company of individuals find personal freedom and fellowship through the Lord Jesus Christ. But let us consider the latter part of this beautiful slogan. "The Young People For Christ!" What beauty that statement contains! What promise it suggests! What hope it extends! For as surely as the fact that young people need Christ is supported and verified by written truth and living experience, just as firmly are we supported by the same reliable witnesses in saying that Christ needs young people.

In the perfecting of the scheme through which God planned to redeem men from sin, it pleased the great Designer to make Himself dependent on the co-operation of humanity for the fulfilling of His great objective, and while man cannot be redeemed without Divine provision, we may state reverently, but none the less truthfully, that God cannot redeem without human co-operation. The Word of God and the history of the New Testament era plainly reveal the amazing fact that while God made complete provision for the salvation of mankind through Calvary's provision and Pentecost's application, the propagating of the Good News of the saving Gospel is dependent on His being able to find individuals who are willing to consecrate to His service the energies and capabilities which they possessed. Neither is it strange that those who have been most useful in the vineyard of spiritual labor have been individuals who have been saved early in life. All the apostles were comparatively young men and some of them were but youths; the great apostle Paul was but a young man when he had his illuminating and transforming Damascus road experience; Luther was only twenty-one years of age when his soul was set on fire by the Scripture words: "The just shall live by faith"; Whitefield in his early twenties was preaching the Gospel with a passion that stirred two continents for God; Wesley was still in college years when the "Holy League" was formed and the spirit that gave birth to England's revival of Holiness and consequently the Methodist church, constrained him to yield his life to the Master; dying at the early age of twenty-eight, David Brainerd had already won scores to the Lord Jesus. Thus the history of the Gospel's effective ministry reveals that it has been through those who were saved in youth from the ravages of sinful living, and consecrated to God their youthful possessions of ambition, energy, and talent, that Divine power

has been expended to the salvation of souls and lives of various nations and climes.

And so let us throw off the burdensome yoke of inferiority and as "young people for Christ", spend ourselves in the task of winning others to the Master.

IS IT WRONG TO GO TO THE PICTURES?

An analysis of the contents of the one hundred and thirty-three feature motion pictures released between the middle of January and the middle of May has been made by Father Daniel A. Lord of St. Louis. He reports twenty-six plots or episodes built on illicit love, while thirty-five other major scenes and situations are anti-moral in their character. In these same one hundred and thirty-three pictures, Father Lord finds thirty-two murders, five suicides, seventeen gangsters or crooks in leading roles, and twenty-seven leading roles filled by criminals other than gangsters. These one hundred and thirty-three pictures at this moment on our screens show therefore, eighty-one major crimes, not to mention wholesale murders in one super-film and numerous crimes.

The terrible thing about the pictures shown everywhere nowadays is that sin is made to appear as if it were not sin! It is such a deadly poison to instill into the hearts and minds of men and women, let alone children. Sin is called by other names, and many think that therefore it is something that is not wrong! It is curious how the human mind can distort things, is it not? In the moving pictures sin is called an accident, but God calls it an abomination; it is called a blunder, whereas God calls it blindness. Sin is made to appear as if it were a chance, but God calls it a deliberate choice. It is depicted as an error, and a fascinating one at that, while God tells us that it is an enormity, a fatality; not an incident in life, but a terrible inclination from which He is the only escape! Very often sin is made out to be a luxury, and certainly a liberty; but the truth is that it is an iniquity, a terrible disease like leprosy. Men and women are made to appear so charming, that the things which should appear as sin in their lives, look like an infirmity—just a mistake; but in truth it is a madness, a deadly poison, not a peccadillo! Where sin is acknowledged, it is shown as relapse, soon recovered from; instead of a rebellion against a holy God, from which there is no recovery except through the precious blood of Christ. What man tries to picture as a ship leading to fortune, God tells us is literal suicide. What is depicted before our eyes as a trifle, God calls a tragedy; what appears as thoughtfulness, He says is wickedness, pure and simple. I think that all people should be solemnly warned that God is not mocked. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

—Extract from an article in the
Christian Witness.

RALLY DISTRICT NO. 2

The Young People of District No. 2 held a rally Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22nd, in connection with the Quarterly Meeting at Moncton. A goodly number of young people was present as

well as many of the older folk. Miss Muriel Wright, our local president, presided. The service was opened by singing followed by scripture reading and prayer. In the absence of the district secretary the meeting appointed Miss Iola Mitton secretary pro tem. Miss Wyonetta Sargeson in behalf of the Young People of Moncton gave the address of welcome to the visiting delegates, to which Mrs. Bruce Logan of Amherst, responded. An excellent instrumental trio which was very much enjoyed by the congregation, was rendered by three young ladies of the Moncton Church on their guitars. Miss Annie Henry also sang a solo which was an inspiration to the meeting. The reports read from the societies on the district were encouraging as well as the verbal reports which made our hearts rejoice and give thanks to our heavenly Father. Our district president, Miss Miriam Sanders, was also present and delivered a soul-stirring address on "Being and doing for Jesus", which made us all feel like keeping our Young People's work on a spiritual basis and doing all we can for the cause of righteousness and true holiness.

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN PALESTINE

World Survey Service says: "Youth, for good or ill, is playing a great part in the contemporary life of Palestine. Since July 1, 1933, seventy thousand German Jews have entered the country, more than one-half of whom were under sixteen years of age, or between that age and twenty-five years. Jewish investments in Palestine exceed £60,000,000, but these millions would have been almost useless without the formidable effort made by Jewish youth to win prosperity by years of unremitting hard work. The Halutzim (pioneers) have paid a heavy death toll in reclaiming malarial swamps, and reducing intractable lands to cultivation. Since 1919, the Jewish population has increased by 600 per cent, and in this interval of seventeen years the country has been literally changed by fierce toil without parallel in our day."—Wesleyan Methodist.

AND STILL CRIME MULTIPLIES

The "Desert Churchman" is responsible for the statistical statement below, and for the interpretation of it.

The United States Attorney-General says: "From June, 1934, to June, 1935, the prison population of the United States increased twenty-five per cent. Considered in the light of educational opportunities, social betterment enterprises, youth organizations, lodge moralities, and so forth, this seems startling until one remembers all these laudable efforts lack root in reality. The motivating power of any effective effort must go back to God, and that means religion."

The one effective foundation of strong character is a firm faith in the Holy God. Good habits are effective only so long as the going is smooth. Any major crisis can leave an unbelieving, habit-founded character in such complete ruin that the individual may pass from a good citizen to an unsocial personality over night.—The Christian Advocate.