

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

THE SALVATION OF OUR CHILDREN

(By Wyonetta P. Sargeson)

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto Me." Mat. 19:14.

Jesus recognized the importance of the salvation of the child, and here is a fertile field for our labors which will yield a bountiful harvest. Leading the little children to Christ is a work apart from that of the Sunday School, and yet supplementary to it. Though the Sunday School is very necessary in the development of the child, and the teaching of the lesson is good, very often the child fails to grasp the importance of a personal salvation. It is popularly supposed that children cannot understand the way of salvation, and the enemy would hold these dear ones back from a Saviour who has invited them to come unto Him. Children should decide for Christ as soon as they are old enough to make decisions of any kind. At a very early age children receive wrong impressions and we should be always on the alert to plant in these young hearts the truth of the Gospel.

There should be a Junior Crusader Group in every church under the leadership of some consecrated young person with the salvation of the children and their preparation for a life of usefulness, as our ultimate. The children can fill an important place in the church. The Saviour who loves them and can save them, can also use His little ones. We remember now He used a little child to illustrate to His disciples an important truth about His kingdom. (Mat. 18:2). And also the words of the good old prophet, "And a little child shall lead them." Today the Lord is using the testimonies of these little ones in the salvation of parents and friends.

Are we doing our part in this great work? Here is an opportunity for Young People to work for Christ. If there is a Junior Crusader Group already organized in your church, do your part to help the leader and to encourage the children. If there is no definite plan for work among the children in your church, speak to your pastor, and other members of your society and get in touch with the committee representative for your district who will be glad to give you the assistance you need.

Let us work together for the salvation of the children and begin today. As is often said, "When you save a child you not only save a soul which is very important: but you also save a precious life to be used by the Saviour in reaching others."

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A GLIMPSE AT THE RIGHT END

A lot depends upon which end of a thing we look at—the beginning end or the finishing end. These three Hebrew young men were in quite a fix about the time old King Nebuchadnezzar's rage began to boil, and when we see them cast into the burning fiery furnace we get a terrible picture of what the enemies of the soul will do when they start their warfare of persecution. God did not seem to be doing anything about the matter when the devil had these His children all tied up and ready to destroy. And the devil was sparing nothing in his effort to make a good job of it.

But God knew that the devil would do as he often does—carry the thing too far. He spoiled

his own plans, and played everything into the Lord's hands. Those young men had been fixed up so that they wouldn't burn, and this is what happened: their bands were burned off, the strongest of their enemies were burned to death, all the world with its attractions and detractions was shut out, and God came down and walked and talked with them just like he used to with Adam and Eve before the world knew what sin was. I do not know how long they stayed there, but I imagine they were reluctant to obey the voice of the king when he called "come forth and come hither." But there must always be a returning to the battle field of life from those blessed experiences of trials and persecutions which we are partakers in with the One who died for us.

Do we still seek to be excused from the crosses of the Christian life? Nay, rather, let us make that place of severe testings a place of close communion with our Lord. The trial will strengthen us, the tempest will give us courage, each prod of the enemy will urge us more swiftly on our heavenly journey, and every furnace experience will be a Garden of Eden to our soul.

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ATTENTION!

Come! Come! Come!
Where? On a Fishing Trip to Marysville.
When? May 22nd—over the 24th.

We are expecting all the Young Fishers of District No. 1 to convene at Marysville with hooks well-baited with holy fervor and zeal in a united effort to pull in a net laden with fish for the Master Fisherman. "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19.

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THE PROBLEM OF MISFITS AND ITS SOLUTION

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What is a misfit? A misfit is an individual who has either attempted a task beyond his ability or one who has failed in the efficient use of his talents in attacking the task of which he is capable. In either case failure to a lesser or greater degree is the result.

But once in my experience have I heard a man say that regardless of inherent talents, industry and determination would place the attainments and accomplishments of one within the reach of all. And he had just completed, or perhaps I should say terminated, his freshman year in college, and was a freshman indeed. One can hardly cross the threshold of life before he is forced to realize his own limitations, even though admittance of the fact is rare. Many and varied are the abilities of mankind. The Jack of all trades is master of none.

Too many times we are prone to measure success by the size of one's bank account, the valuation of one's real estate or the list of one's stocks and bonds, but such a standard is utterly false.

If the talents and abilities of man are varied and surrounded by certain human limitations it would appear that any definite achievement would be impossible as the mea-

sure of one's success. No, the measure of success is not what we do nor what we attain—it is rather what we do or attain compared with what we might have done. Efficiency, then, is the measure of individual success.

Thus we are brought face to face with the tremendous task of choosing a pathway of life of which we are capable and yet a pathway that will extend our every talent to attain. This is the bed-rock of our problem, which when solved affords us a safe basis for life and character building. But how can we be sure in this vital choice? Our hope and security is in God alone, the one to whom we are indebted for our talents, the one who holds the blueprint for our lives. The quest for true success and character outside the will and plan of God for our lives is a futile one.

The true purpose of Christian education is to assist youth in making this vital choice that will place them in the plan of God and then prepare them to efficiently perform the service that is theirs. Thus in a very definite way Christian education offers assurance of personal and national prosperity. In this connection may I quote from the words of Roger W. Babson in his most excellent pamphlet on Christian education? Mr. Babson says, "Christian education can insure what no corporation can insure, namely, prosperity." Thus to a character-building institution, yea, to Christian education alone, can we hope to look for a solution of the problem of misfits.

NEW WINE AND OLD BOTTLES

Christ was endeavoring to teach his disciples the "more excellent way" of establishing the Kingdom of God upon the earth when He related to them the already known fact new wine must always be put into new bottles. This was necessary in those days in order to save both the wine and the bottles, for the old containers, made from the skins of animals and dried hard with age, could not stand the strain caused by the fermenting process of the new wine. Christ was saying to them that the old forms and customs of the law were insufficient for the new dispensation, and inadequate channels through which to pour out the Holy Spirit upon the world. They had served their time and had done it well, but they were worn out and must be laid aside. More than that, they had been overtaxed, being expected to do more than they were intended for, and at heart the people had lost faith in them. The means used to spread the gospel and get souls saved must always be sufficient and efficient to meet the needs of the day at hand, both from the standpoint of God's manner of revelation, and the particular demands put upon them by the needs of the people being dealt with.

Sometimes the thought comes to us why our work for the Lord is not more effectual. Many and varied are the reasons. Almost universally will come the answer that what we need is more of God's Spirit and Blessing. But we do get blessed, and God comes down in such a way that we marvel that people are not saved by the score. Every Quarterly Meeting and every Camp Meeting, to say nothing of regular services and revival meetings, have the same echoing lament to the fact that people will not yield to the Lord, and we blame