

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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EDITORIAL

SEEKING GOD'S BEST

Without question, Christian young people are the most privileged characters of the universe of men. True, and tragically so, many are deceived into admiring or envying the position of the wealthy and worldly-wise, or enchanted by that which by distance seems beautiful, but when a careful examination of facts is made, and we view our surroundings and estimate our privileges, we joyously conclude that ours is a most enviable lot. Our past with its sins is under the blood; our present state is one of royalty, we are sons of the Most High; our future, herein lies our peculiar privilege, is broad and inviting, (and gloriously promising) and contains possibilities that thrill the soul. All classes of Christians share the glory of sins forgiven and sonship in the family of God, but only to youth is the future or challenging field of opportunity. But in that very future, which is so rich in possibility, may be base impoverishment. Everything depends on the attitude of soul which possesses us. The tragedy of too many lives, lives that were rich in possibility, has been that appalling drift to the ordinary. Merely getting an existence in spiritual life, never coming into the possessive realization of the things that God has prepared for them that love Him. My dear young friends in Christ Jesus, I would draw near to you to-night and fervently urge this upon you, SEEK GOD'S BEST. Marvelous hopes are stored up in the heart of the heavenly Father for each of us. Great plans have been made and great things are expected. A world that is in the most dire need appeals for the consecrated effort at our command. By seeking and finding (and find we surely will if we seek with all our hearts) our own personal heritage in spiritual life, by giving ourselves unsparingly in service to our God and fellow-men, by avoiding the plains and seeking the heights, by rejecting earth's terrestrial appeal and answering the celestial call of the spiritual, we can launch out into a future that will be one glorious profusion of joy and blessing. I close with this poem which, when put in a spiritual setting is rich in suggestion. Memorize it. Receive to your heart its expressive exhortation. Bravely and joyously face the future, and avoiding the plains and flats of ease and selfish pleasure, seek the sun-crowned heights of spiritual life!

"To everyone there openeth a way, and ways,
and A WAY,

And the high soul takes the high way
And the low soul takes the low;
And in between on the misty flats
The rest drift, to and fro.

But to everyone there openeth a high way
and a low,

And everyone decideth which way his soul
shall go."

A total of 100,000 adult conversions to the Catholic Church in China during the last year brings the Catholic population in that country up to 2,818,839, according to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

Marysville, N. B.

Dear Young People:

We are reporting on our Crusader work at Marysville, as requested by our president in a late issue of the Highway. We have our meetings on Friday evening at 6.30 with about twenty-five regular attendants. A collection is taken for missions.

The children answer the Catechism questions which teach the truths of the Bible and explain the doctrine of sanctification in a clear, concise way, which is so much needed in this day. It is surprising how much even the youngest of the members know about the ethics of God's Word.

Quite a number of our Crusaders gave themselves to the Lord in our recent revival meetings, which did make our hearts rejoice. Our evangelist, Mrs. Manning had as her assistant, Miss Furbush, who did wonderful work with the children here.

Our pastor gives an illustrated talk to the children each Sunday morning, which makes them feel they are part of the church and God's work.

Our group is starting a contest with points for (1) Knowledge of Catechism, (2) Orderliness, (3) Bible drill, (4) Knowing Books of the Bible, or other assignment, and (5) New members. Prizes will be given at the close of the contest.

We are looking forward to reports from other Crusader workers.

Yours in His service,
MRS. BASIL MOORE.

WANTED! YOUNG MEN!!

Some months back we published a brief note entitled "Beautifying Beulah," in which we explained a plan for improving and repairing at our Beulah Campground. This scheme, as you may recall, is being undertaken as a co-operative effort of the Alliance and the Young People's Association, and proposes the sending of four young men to the campground ten days before the Alliance meets, where work will be done under a member of the grounds committee for the period stated above. As a remuneration for their services, the young men will receive free board and lodging throughout the entire period of the Campmeeting. More applications have been received than can be favourably answered, but the cause of this second appeal is this: We would like, in fairness to our young people of various districts, to have one representative from each of the four districts. To date, there are two of the districts unrepresented in application, and we make this second call in the hope that some young men who would like to attend Beulah but have not the necessary means of finance will take advantage of this splendid opportunity. The only qualifications are that applicants be Christians in good standing, willing to work, and able to be at the campground on the appointed date, June 21st. If interested, write for further information to the editor of the Y. P.'s page.

The population of Belgium, which is the most densely populated country in the world, with 707 people to the square mile, is said to be increasing at the rate of 41,500 a year. Census figures just issued give a total of 8,299,940 inhabitants, as compared with 8,092,004 five years ago.—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

BOOKS TO READ

"Quiet Talks On Prayer"

S. D. Gordon has a collection of publications on various themes all of which bear the name of "Quiet Talks." Of these, we believe there is none better than the one dealing with the vital subject of prayer. There are a number of wonderful books on this subject and this publication of Mr. Gordon's ranks among the best. Every Christian should read books on prayer that all might become more effectual in the work of intercession. Paul said: "I would that men pray everywhere lifting up holy hands to God," and how timely the heart appeal of the great apostle is in this needy age! How God needs people who "pray in their prayers!" People who can bring heaven down to earth and can lift earth's needs to heaven! To save us from praying amiss, the Lord has inspired men to write from the Word on this theme and practice, and it is our privilege to obtain their books and through their guidance, become more skilful in the art of intercession. Young people, there is no higher service you can render than that of intercession.

BIBLE READERS

The universal experience of humanity accumulated through all the years is that the Bible as the revelation of God to man is the most important and most interesting Book in the world. It is the handbook of the nations where life is happiest and safest. It is the companion of the people with whom eternity would be most endurable. It is the dearest Book to the child of God through the constantly shifting scenes of life.

No other exercise in reading will take the place of the reading with true purpose of God's Word. To read books about the Bible is good, provided they are helpful to our reverence and our faith in God, but they should not take the place of the reading with much meditation and prayer of the Book itself. During his lifetime, D. L. Moody, who was of all things a most enthusiastic reader and teacher of the Bible in his evangelism, met a young man who had spent much time in the schools of theology, and who was urged by Mr. Moody to launch out on a career of teaching what he had learned to others. The young man said, "I don't know anything about the Bible." "Why," Moody said in reply, "you have a high priced professor employed in your university just to teach the English Bible." The young man said, "Mr. Moody, would you like to know how we study the Bible? We have just spent the last six months trying to find out who wrote the Pentateuch, and we know less about it now than when we began."—Wesleyan Methodist.

"Signs of the Times" quotes the following from an editorial in "San Francisco Chronicle": "Evidently we are getting crazier and crazier. At any rate, Harry Lutgens, Director of State Institutions, reports that California must build a new insane asylum every four years, to keep up with the present rate of increase in the number of patients committed to these institutions. If this were to keep up long enough the difficulty would be to find enough sane people left to care for the insane."—Selected.