

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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EDITORIAL

THE CRISIS OF CONSECRRATION

In the vocabulary of spiritual truth, consecration is one of the strongest and most influential of words. In the vocation of Christian living, it is one of the most momentous of experiences. In the realm of Divine truth, it admits of the moral defilement of the spiritually regenerated, apprehends the purifying sufficiency of God's grace, and acknowledges the conditional responsibility of human adjustment and faith. In practical Christian experience, where written theory becomes living fact, the crisis of consecration is discovered as being the Kadesh between a wilderness of fear, failure, and famine, and a Canaan of peace, power and plenty. It is at this crucial stage in spiritual life that many fail. Here is the Hill Difficulty that is too high, or the Valley of Humiliation that descends too low for many pilgrims, and the wilderness of spiritual failure and death is thickly populated with the dead and dying who have refused to obey and believe God, pay the full price, and come into the spiritual heritage of a more abundant life in God, a more intimate fellowship with God, and a more fruitful service for God.

Why do we hesitate at this point in our experience? Why do we shrink from the Kadesh of utter yieldedness to the will of God? Are His desires of us not most holy and unselfish? Are not His plans for us born out of a wisdom and love that makes choices that are kind and righteous altogether? True there must needs be a complete self-abandonment, a giving of our very all to Him, but what of the glorious results? What is the weight of self-abandonment as compared with the receiving in His fulness of the abiding Holy Spirit? What is the poverty of giving up our all, when the act makes us to receive and inherit His all? Entering this New Year, a year that contains the promise of the greatest in spiritual life that we have ever known, may we examine ourselves concerning our consecration? Is it genuine? Has it opened the door to the beauties and bounties of the good lands of Canaan? If there is hesitancy, doubt, or fear, let us cast them quickly aside and say one sincere and final yes to His good will, thus entering the year giving our best and receiving His best, that His glorious Kingdom may be hastened by our lives and service.

Dear Young People:

Greetings to my friends at home. I desire to give my testimony at this time. During the months of July and August I held meetings in a school house and worked on a farm in Quebec. During that time and since I have felt the burden of David Livingstone's prayer: "Lord, grant me strength to suffer and willingness to serve."

Jesus said in reference to His life: "I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring . . . no man taketh my life from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again." (John 10:16-18).

The past years have been mainly occupied in studying lessons, sometimes succeeding,

sometimes not. In life's great lessons I ever will be a student. The Incarnate Word is my teacher, the Written Word my text and the Glory of God my objective. Some lessons to learn are as follows: In finding life we must lose it; in giving light we must be consumed and to be good leaders we must be good followers. These lessons are elementary but with the Holy Ghost sanctifying, giving direction, dimensions and power, life must be fruitful in soul winning.

The above is the expression of my soul. If I know my own heart there are no reserves there, but on the contrary the single ambition of my life is to glorify God and help my fellow men.

Yours for souls,

ADELBERT D. CANN

RESOLUTIONS FOR 1937

During the year I resolve:

1. To be wholly consecrated to God.
2. To pray and read the Word regularly.
3. To walk in the Light.
4. To keep myself unspotted from the world.
5. To be a willing helper in the Church and Y. P. Society.
6. To be a member of the Self-Denial fund.
7. To be a soul-winner.

OUR FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1937

As most of our readers know, the enterprises launched by our Young People's Association have been, and are being sustained by two funds, the Society Fund and the Self-Denial Fund. The "Society Fund" is supported by our various young people's societies who, out of their weekly offerings, contribute twenty cents a week or ten dollars and forty cents each year to the treasury of the Association. With the money received in this fund, the Association pays eighty-five dollars for the Highway page and work, incidental expenses incurred through the correspondence of our secretaries, and last year we were able to donate twenty-five dollars to Home Missions, and twenty-five dollars to installing the ground lights at Beulah. The "Self-Denial Fund" is an individual fund with a sizable membership of individuals who, by denying themselves of something that their personal funds would permit them to buy, lay aside ten cents per week, and at the end of the church year forward the total amount (five dollars and twenty cents) to the Treasurer of this fund. The entire receipts of this fund go to support foreign missions. Last year our total was over three hundred dollars. So you see that while twenty cents a week is not a great amount from a whole Society, and ten cents a week seems a small contribution to the great and needy cause of missions, but when we total the amounts what a goodly sum it makes. Every Y. P. Society would do well to take up the weekly fund allotment and what a grand total we would have for the spread of the "glad tidings of great joy" in other lands, if all our young people belonged to the Self-Denial Fund. If we are already pledged, let us check up and see if we are paid to date; if we haven't adopted the plan or plans as yet, let us start the year right by joining with those already contributing to make this our biggest year financially as well as spiritually.

BOOKS TO READ

"The Pilgrim's Progress"

Life's purest and most precious treasures are produced by the fires of affliction. In the year 1660, John Bunyan, a humble and fearless preacher of the Gospel of Christ, was cast into a rude prison cell in the Town of Bedford, England, for his determination to expound the truth of God's Word, and his refusal to conform to the Church. He was kept in this place of imprisonment for twelve years, suffering great affliction and deprivation. However, he was steadfast in faith and patient in trial, and to him, and the world, was born in that experience of testing the wonderful book, "The Pilgrim's Progress." In his own words it is a: "... writing of the way

And race of saints, in this our Gospel day."

Written in simple style, it portrays the various experiences of the pilgrims who journeys from the city of sin's destruction to the celestial land of Zion. The snares and pitfalls, the difficult and dangerous places, the by-paths that lead out of the "true and living way," and many other experiences that are so true to the life of the Christian, are impressively portrayed, and the victory-scene of final triumph and entry into the Celestial City, brings a beautiful climax to a book that is well-deserving of the wide circulation which this publication has accomplished.

Every Christian, young and old, should read this soul-inspiring volume.

"Nothing matters that is not eternal."

CAN A BEAUTY SHOP ADD REAL BEAUTY TO A CHILD OF GOD?

"And in all the land there were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job" (Job 42:15).

"He, (God, not a beauty shop) will give them beauty for ashes" (Isa. 61:3).

"The ornament (beauty) of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (I. Peter 3:4).

"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman, which is without discretion" (Prov. 11:22), or in modern English: "As a diamond ring in a hog's nose, so is a pretty girl, without good sense."

Reader, have you ever seen a woman at any age, with a clean heart, who had an ugly or unattractive face? Who put that shine, and smile, and peace, and rest, and real beauty in your sainted mother's face in spite of her age and wrinkles? Was it put on from the outside, or like the lily, did not God put it on solid, clear through from the inside?

I once met a rather pretty girl in a business office. Several months afterwards I had occasion to have her wait on me again, after she had tried, in beauty shops to add to her attractiveness. One look was enough, as I said to myself: "Horrors! ! Does she call that an improvement?" In Ezek. 16:25 God says, "Thou hast made thy beauty to be abhorred." Surely the words of Shakespeare fit in here: "What fools these mortals be."

The proprietor of a store in Los Angeles specializing in beauty preparations, contracted to pay an enormous rental for a prominent corner. His friends, fearing bankruptcy, asked