

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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A MESSAGE BY OUR NEW PRESIDENT

"Workers With Christ"

"We then as workers together with Him."
2 Cor. 6:1.

It is an honor to be engaged in an honest business or occupation, and have the privilege of working with good people. But our text speaks of working with God and His children, (the best people in the world) and also working at the highest possible calling. I trust that as young people we may realize this, and with renewed determination and zeal work this coming year. There are some things we must keep in mind if our work is to be blessed of God and we are to win souls.

1. Perfect Obedience.—"Behold to obey is better than to sacrifice." I Sam. 15:22. "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. Obey by walking in the light of holiness and continuing to walk therein, because it means just as much to keep this blessed experience as it did to obtain it. If we fail to walk in the light of holiness, we are soon useless in our service, and ere long backslidden in heart, if not in outward life. Then we will need to obey God continually as He puts His hands on the various things in our lives, (possibly little things) also the importance of our behaviour, example, and dress. If we do this we will act and look like holiness young people, not like worldlings. We need to be careful of our obedience when duty calls. Too many are not living near enough to the Lord to see the opportunities of service that come to them. Others see them, but are always offering as an excuse, "I can't." Are we guilty? Shall we with Paul say: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and practise the same? We will, without doubt, find that God will help us in doing that which he calls us to, and our life will be much happier in doing it.

2. Perfect Consecration.—Paul beseeches us in Romans 12:1 to "present our bodies a living sacrifice . . . unto God . . ." There are too few perfect consecrations these days. Too many are professing to have the experience of sanctification and their consecration is not complete, and never has been. We must get to the place where we will say one last "yes" to God's whole will and commit our future into His hands on every line. To do this will mean that we will die to our own plans and ambitions, to the opinions of relatives, friends and others, also die out to surrounding conditions. Paul went this way for he declares, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live . . ." It may mean that we must die to our previous religious teachings and religious affiliations. Shall we as young people make a complete consecration and keep it the same? This, with the confession of inbred sin, and the exercise of faith, will bring into our lives an experience that will qualify us to be successful workers together with Him.

3. Perfect Submission.—We are told in James 4:7 to "submit ourselves therefore unto God. We need not only to submit at the time of definite seeking, but also to keep in perfect submission to God ever afterward. Submitting ourselves unto God in the hard times as well as the pleasant times, in the testing times as well as the times of refreshing. We are also told in I Peter 2:12 to "submit ourselves to every ordinance of man." This means that we must respect and obey the laws of our land, game and fishing laws,

traffic rules,, etc. We must do this if we are to keep a clear conscience and be in the place where God can bless and use us. Again we are told in I Peter 5:5 "Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves to the elder." There is a danger that young people in their zeal will fail here and thus hinder instead of help the work. It is sad, also foolish, for young people to feel that they are the only ones that stand for the old rugged truth. The reason some do feel this way is because they possess more zeal than wisdom. God bless the old warriors! Let us by the grace of God follow their footsteps and learn some lessons from their experience.

4. Perfect Loyalty.—We that are saved and sanctified have reason for being loyal to God. We cannot justly do otherwise. It seems quite reasonable to expect people with the experience of holiness to stand by the holiness church, also by their preacher who is seeking to lead folk into this experience and feed those who are already in. If we are going to be loyal we will be present at every service when possible, and not only be present, but will do our best to make the service a blessing to all present. To keep loyal to God we must not neglect the secret place of prayer nor allow our secret devotions to become formal or dry. Young people, let us be loyal to God and to the cause that is nearest His great heart.

In conclusion let us not forget the text: "We then as workers together with Him." Our united efforts, working together with Him, will mean the salvation of souls, but our divided efforts will mean failure. Then let us as young people put our shoulder to the wheel and work as we never have in the past, cooperating with our elders and the church that stands for the truth. If we do, I am sure God will bless us, and we shall never have regrets.

REV. G. R. SYMONDS

OUR JUNIOR CRUSADER WORK

What It Is:

It is a Denomination-wide organization of our junior young people and children from about twelve years and under.

Why It Is:

Our aim through this organization is,

1st. To win each of these precious children to Jesus, i.e., lead each one into a clear experience of justification.

2nd. To keep them in the narrow way. This is easily accomplished if each Junior Crusader leader will deal personally with each child once a week, somewhat like the early Methodist class meetings were conducted. Personally, I have used the following method, quite successfully: Sometime during our weekly meeting I usually invite any and all who need special help, to raise their hands. Then we all gather for prayer, and I deal with each one in a personal way, and help them with advice, instruction, and prayer—often wording for them an appropriate little prayer for pardon, strength, etc., which they repeat earnestly after me. It is sweet the way the little ones confide their spiritual difficulties to me and accept help. Next follows a testimony service in which each child is encouraged to take part.

3rd. We aim to "catechise" each child in the vital essentials of doctrinal and scriptural teachings. "Train up a child in the way He should go, and when He is old he will not depart from it."

This work cannot be started too early. The Roman Catholics claim that, given a child to train until it is seven years old, they will make of it, by then, a staunch Catholic that later influences will not be successful in turning.

If WE can save our little children, and train them up in the teachings of the Scriptures before they are seven years of age, it will not be hard thereafter to keep them both for Jesus and for our denomination. On the other hand, if we neglect their salvation and training in the Scriptures until they are past this age, it will require manifold more labour and travail, with a much smaller percentage of success.

I am appealing for the wholehearted cooperation of pastors, parents, and church members, to make this important branch of our work—the Junior Crusade work—a success in God's sight.

MIRIAM SANDERS

(Miss Sanders has been appointed to the oversight of our Junior Crusade groups. She would be glad to hear from the leaders of local groups. Her address is 136 Victoria St., Amherst, N.S.)

LETTER FROM TREASURER OF GENERAL FUND

Dear Young People:

I would like to bring before you the need of supporting and replenishing our General Fund.

You have read our report for last year, and have noted the number of societies that contributed to this fund, and what we were able to do with the amount received. Twenty cents a week seems a small amount from the offering of a Society, but when a number of groups join in giving to this common treasury, we are able as a Y. P. A. to do something worthwhile in the work of the Kingdom of Christ.

Your continued support of this Fund is vitally important in the maintenance of our young people's work. The question concerning the use of this Fund may arise with some so we may mention the expenditures we are making. Our page in the Highway requires considerable financial support, over eighty-seven dollars being expended for this the past year; the work of improvement of the Beulah Campgrounds is to continue next year, and we have again pledged twenty-five dollars to the support of this enterprise, the same amount we have given the past two years. Other minor, but very important demands are upon us this year, and if we could see an increase in our total, there are many ways in which we could aid in the work.

We trust that Society presidents will bring this matter before their groups, and that as a result we may have every one of our societies contribute the full amount of ten dollars forty cents for the year.

Yours sincerely,

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St. John, N. B.

NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Myra Crowell, of Port Maitland, an active and valued member of our young people's society there, achieved honor and distinction recently in leading the province of Nova Scotia in the spring registration examinations of the Registered Nurses' Association of that province. Sister Crowell has many friends among our young people who will join with us in a sincere message of congratulations!