

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## EDITORIAL

### CONVENTION TIME DRAWS NEAR!

The date of the Young People's Rally to be held at Toronto, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, is only a few weeks away, and final preparations are being made by the various committees in charge of the arrangements.

The president of the entertainment committee, Rev. Ward M. Shantz, 181 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, writes that although they may not be able to give free entertainment to all the delegates attending the Rally, they plan to make special arrangements for those going from this eastern section because of the expense involved in travelling to Toronto. I'm sure we appreciate this consideration, and it will be helpful to us to know that there will be no cost of entertainment to us whatsoever.

Three or four men are planning tentatively to take their cars and as many as they can accommodate as passengers, and this will be a fine way to make the trip. However, if you cannot get passage in a car, don't allow this to prevent you from attending this great youth rally. Providentially, the railway companies have special rates for the very time in which our convention is to be held. The regular return fare to Toronto is over forty dollars, but between the dates of Aug. 25-Sept. 9 a return ticket may be purchased for only twenty-three dollars and seventy-five cents from Saint John, and proportionately low fares from other Maritime towns and cities. This means that any time after Aug. 25th you may get one of these tickets, and that it permits you to remain in Toronto as late as Sept. 9th, with, of course, the privilege of returning sooner if you so desire. Now this provision is of great value to us if we cannot get passage in a car, or if the cars we planned to go in cannot go because of some change of plans.

Our Convention speaker, Bishop Leslie R. Marston, forwarded a list of his subjects, and I am passing them along to you, as they embody a suggestion of the splendid and appropriate messages we expect to hear at that time:

Thursday evening—HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?

Friday evening—THE MIND OF THE PERFECT.

Saturday evening—MEETING TEMPTATION WITH CHRIST.

Sunday a. m.—THE GOSPEL, THE POWER OF GOD.

Sunday p. m.—CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN A PAGAN WORLD.

Sunday evening—FOLLOWING CHRIST—WITH RESERVATIONS.

These subjects, coupled with the statement in Bishop Marston's letter: "I wish to direct my messages to meet the specific purposes the leaders of this meeting have in mind," indicate that truth will be presented that will be singularly beneficial to young and old.

We are already assured that a good delegation of our Reformed Baptist young people will be present at the Rally, and we trust that all who are hopefully planning to attend, will,

by the help of God, enjoy the blessed realization of these hopes.

If you plan definitely or tentatively on going, you should either get in touch with the editor of the Young People's Page, or write directly to Brother Shantz, whose address I have given above, so that arrangements for your entertainment may be made.

Rev. Gordon Symonds, our Association president, is our official delegate at the Rally, and our young people, through him, will have a voice in all the plans that may be laid down at that meeting. We are delighted that Brother Symonds is able to go, and believe he is a most worthy representative of our Y. P. Association.

Let us pray much for the success of this meeting, and, if possible, plan to attend.

## A POEM FOR THE SCRAP-BOOK

### "THE SET OF THE SAIL"

I stood on the shore beside the sea,  
The wind from the west blew fresh and free;  
While past the rocks at the harbour mouth  
The ships went north and the ships went south.

And some sailed out on an unknown quest,  
And some sailed in to the harbour's rest;  
But ever the wind blew out of the west.

I said to one who had sailed the sea,  
That this was a marvel unto me;  
"For how can these ships go safely forth,  
Some to the south and some to the north,  
Or out to the sea on their golden quest,  
Or into the harbour's calm and rest,  
And ever the wind blow out of the west?"

The sailor smiled as he answered me:  
Go where you will when you're on the sea,  
Though head winds battle and calms delay,  
You can keep the course by night and day,  
Drive with the breeze or against the gale;  
It will not matter what winds prevail,  
For all depends on the set of the sail.

Voyager soul on the sea of life,  
O'er waves of sorrow and sin and strife,  
When fogs bewilder and foes betray,  
Steer straight on your course from day to day;

Though unseen currents run deep and swift,  
Where rocks are hidden and sandbars shift,  
All helpless and aimless, you need not drift.

Oh, set your sail to the heavenly gale,  
And then, no matter what winds prevail,  
No reef shall wreck you, no calm delay,  
No mist shall hinder, no storm shall stay;  
Though far you wander and long you roam,  
Though salt sea sprays and the white seas foam,

No wind that can blow but shall speed you home!

—Annie Johnston Flint

Let all young people's societies respond heartily to the letter of the treasurer of our general fund regarding our deficit. If all assist, we can easily lift this burden.

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## GETTING UP EARLY

It is an interesting fact that the Bible narrative mentions early rising as a habit of several of its most prominent characters. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, David—all are mentioned in connection with some event of importance where they rose early.

But in the case of Jesus Himself we find His Gospel biographers relate this habit as if it were a part of His plan of daily life.

Mark says that after a very busy and exhausting day spent in healing the sick, "in the morning a great while before day Jesus rose up and went out and departed into a desert place and there prayed" (1:35).

Luke says, speaking of Jesus' daily custom while He was teaching in the temple, "And all the people came early in the morning to hear Him" (21:38).

John relates the same early morning meetings in the temple and gives as Jesus' habit His quiet retirement at evening to the Mount of Olives or to Bethany.

There is something distinctly different in a very early religious meeting, as has been felt by many young people in the days of sunrise meetings. And in the case of a single individual, experience is unanimous that a habit such as Jesus had of rising early for prayer or devotion is a habit which yields wonderful results in the way of spiritual power.

It is possible that churches now might, with great profit to ministers and people, inaugurate early morning services, to increase spiritual devotion and religious fervor.

Or have we become so habitual to night life and late rising that even Christians could not imitate their Lord by "rising early, a great while before day, to pray?"—Christian Herald.

Send us a letter from your society. Let's keep in touch with other groups through the Y. P. Page.

The annual report of the treasurer of our General Fund was mislaid by mistake, but will appear in a later issue of the Page.