

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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EDITORIAL

I'M GOING THROUGH!!

A casual acquaintance with the work of God reveals that the greatest problem we are confronted with is not getting people to accept Christ, but rather persuading them to follow Him. Many there are who have come to the Christ of the Cross, but only a few, comparatively speaking, are willing to bear the Cross for Christ. They make a good start in the race, but become weary and fall out long before the goal is in view. They join in the battle, but, being unwilling to endure hardness, they retire before the victory is won. Many there are who start in the race, But with the light refuse to keep pace; Others accept it because it is new, But not very many expect to go through.

What is the cause of this great "falling away?" What the remedy for this deplorable loss?

A workable answer to these questions should enable us to retain in our ranks those who might otherwise become deserters, and help some to "run the race with patience," who would otherwise fall by the way. What is our need?

First: Greater depth of experience.

Jesus said that some who heard the Word received it gladly, but because they had no depth of earth they withered away as soon as the heat of trial began to reach them. The seed was received, and the germ of life within it was allowed to express itself producing a plant, but the day of fruit-bearing was never reached because of shallowness of soil. The reason many have such a brief existence in spiritual life, springing up suddenly, and withering away even more quickly, is very often because there was no real repentance for sin, no real praying through and by grace, through faith, undergoing that marvelous transformation that results when an individual becomes personally acquainted with the Lord Jesus. A little weeping, a little singing, and a little rejoicing, may indicate nothing more than ease of conscious or emotional ecstasy; we need to pray through until the Spirit beareth witness with our Spirit that we are born of God.

Another need is: Greater purpose of heart.

All the heroes of faith that have made heaven, have of necessity sometime in early days of fellowship with God developed a fixed determination to "go through." Joshua said, "Others may do as they will, go where they desire, but 'as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'" David said: "O my God, my heart is fixed." Daniel "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself . . ." Moses "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God." Yes, and you and I must throw all the strength of will that we possess behind this spiritual enterprise if we wish to join those who have run and obtained.

Finally, we need: Greater appreciation of the value of the prize we seek.

One of the most certain indications that some have a very vague conception of the value of their spiritual birthright is the low

figure of sale they put on it. If we have gained even a faint idea of what it will mean to "win Christ" we will not exchange our inheritance for any of the devil's trifles but will "count all things but loss that we may win Christ."

Let us join hands in pledging our loyalty to Christ! With the joy and power of the abiding Spirit assuring victory, we purpose to run so as to obtain. Yes, by the all-sufficient grace of God, we shall "go through!"

LETTER TO THE JUNIOR CRUSADERS

Dear Crusaders and Friends:

Greetings in our precious Saviour's Name!

It will not be very long before another Beulah. God has been good to me this year. I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of labouring together with three Nazarene churches in revival services. God has saved and sanctified some precious souls, and restored some dear backslidden ones too, for which we praise Him. And we are still working and praying for more.—Amen!

What a wonderful privilege we have of serving Jesus in this life! I believe angels would love to have our chance. We do not know how long we have to live, nor how soon our present freedom of religious rights might be taken from us, as it has been from Christians in Russia and other countries. Yes, friends, you and I may be called on to become martyrs for the cross of Christ. Would it not be a great privilege to suffer martyrdom for our Lord? I would be glad to die for Jesus if it should be His will, but I also have a strong desire to be a living martyr for Him, that is, one who takes up the Cross daily and follows the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. When we get to heaven, and see all the blood-washed throng of heroes, saints and martyrs of the Cross, with all the scars won in suffering for Jesus, and many a star in their crowns representing the souls they have won for Him; when I gaze on the beautiful face of the Saviour who was wounded for me; where will I hide myself if I have no battle scars and no stars for Christ? Then be strong for the severest battle; love not your life unto death, but gladly spend and be spent in His royal service. Work to save the lost while it is called today!

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying.

Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave: Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,

Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

In closing, may I ask each and every one of our Crusader Groups please write a report of their work to the Young People's Page of the Highway, as Sister Delong did recently. This would be much appreciated by your president and would stimulate interest in the cause. Thank you!

Yours truly,

MIRIAN SANDERS

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR NAME?

Your Y. P. editor has received communications from a number of young people who are planning to attend the Young People's Rally at Toronto. Others have written say-

GLEANINGS

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 5:33.

Do not be laughed into that which you know to be wrong.—Lord Beaconsfield.

If you seek in the spirit of selfishness to grasp all as your own, you shall lose all, and be driven out of the world at last, naked and forlorn, to everlasting poverty and contempt.—Jonathan Edwards.

"Success in life does not consist in owning something, but in becoming something."

We must learn to take God at His Word, and go straight on in duty, although we see no way in which we can go forward.

"Men may misjudge thy aim,
Think they have cause to blame,
Say, thou art wrong;
Keep on thy quiet way,
Christ is the judge, not they;
Fear not, be strong."

ing that they plan to go by car, and have room for two or three. Now if you are looking forward to this great Rally and haven't corresponded with us, please do so that we may have an idea of how many to report from this eastern section. If you have a car and are looking for passengers, state how many you can take and at what price. It will be too good to miss!

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE OF DISTRICT NO. 3

A Young People's Convention will be held at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, beginning Thursday, May 4th, and continuing over Sunday, the 7th. The Convention speaker will be Rev. Gordon Symonds, of Woods Harbour, N. S., president of our Y. P. Association. We are fortunate in having Brother Symonds for this Rally, and believe his ministry will be of great benefit to us. One of the important features of the Convention will be the election of officers for the coming year. All Societies of the district are requested to send delegates and report by letter.

Plan to spend the week-end, May 4-7, at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, attending the Young People's Rally!

Easter brings a song. Had Bethlehem led to Calvary and nothing beyond, the song sung by the angels at the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem would have been a mockery. But we still sing that song and the poetry and the music of it are ever and ever fresh and sweet, because it has been hallowed by another and loftier song, that of Easter: the song of the risen Christ, who rose from the dead and dieth no more but is alive for evermore. Let us set our hearts in tune to salute the great festival of the Resurrection with a song.—Selected.