

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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NOTES ON THE C. Y. H. A. CONVENTION

"A great Rally!" "A wonderful Convention!" "Better even than we had expected." Comments like these were heard from the many delegates attending the meeting.

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Rev. John A. Huffman, our Convention speaker, very capably discharged his responsibilities. His messages, everyone appropriate to the occasion, were delivered in a plain but forceful manner, and were attended by the blessing of God. All present at the Rally were greatly helped by the ministry of Brother Huffman.

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In Rev. W. W. Tink, we had one of the finest of song leaders. He and Mrs. Tink very effectively directed the musical part of the Convention and their good singing was much appreciated.

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Delegates from six provinces, visitors from three States of the U. S., and returned missionaries from China and Egypt gave us quite a cosmopolitan representation.

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Our own R. B. denomination was well represented. There were eighteen of our connection present at the Rally.

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The Chateau Laurier Convention Hall was an ideal place for the Rally meetings. We felt it a great privilege to have the Gospel of full salvation preached and sung in that great C. N. R. Hotel. Beautiful, commodious, and possessing fine acoustics, it was a great setting for our meetings.

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The Saturday afternoon sight-seeing tour of the beautiful Capital was immensely enjoyed by a large party. A twenty-two mile drive which took in the wonderful scenic beauty of Ottawa, a close-up of such buildings as the Royal Mint, the Governor General's residence, and a thorough inspection of the House of Parliament, gave visiting delegates a picture on a series of pictures they shall often re-examine in memory's treasure house.

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Souls were praying at the altar in every evening service. An evangelistic atmosphere pervaded the meetings. God was there.

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This collection of items will be supplemented by a more complete report by our Association Secretary. Thank God for a wonderful Rally!

JOHN WESLEY SAID:

"In 1729 my brother Charles and I, reading the Bible, saw we could not be saved without holiness, followed after it, and incited others so to do. In 1737 we saw that this holiness comes by faith. In 1738 we saw likewise that men are justified before they are sanctified.

"You have over and over denied instantaneous sanctification, but I have known and taught it above these twenty years. I have continually testified for these five and twenty years, in private and in public, that we are sanctified as well as justified by faith."

FACING THE MOVIES AS THEY ARE

(From: American Business Men's Research Foundation, 111 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois)

Chicago, Special—With all their glamour, and granting freely that to some extent they are reproducing in brilliant fashion a certain proportion of the greatest stories of all time, the fact remains that practically no progress has been made toward cleaning up motion pictures since repeal of the 18th Amendment, so far as concerns a continuing flood of propaganda on behalf of smart dissipation and sophisticated smut.

Almost the only difference, if any, in recent years, is that the producers have exchanged crude methods of earlier years for more subtle, insidious, and, in many ways, more dangerous technique. With scarcely a wrist-slap from its supposed official censors, now with the advance of preparedness and military emergency in recent months, this vicious defiance of decency is going into high gear with no pressure on the brakes.

Thousands of lay protests are finding their way to the desks of the "Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America." But what do frank and fearless representatives of the industry itself tell of the facts as they see them?

Movie Counsellor Sees Films "A Menace"

Welford Beaton, editor of the Hollywood Film Spectator, and for some time counsellor of Cecil B. DeMille, is thus quoted on an April Broadcast Round Table over WMBI, Chicago, the radio station of the Moody Bible Institute:

"The screen is a menace to the growing population. It aims its products at those whose low tastes makes them impervious to the vulgarity of pornography, passion masquerading as love, discussions of the double standard, and other unlovely aspects of modern civilization.

"The producers of motion pictures purvey filth for the sole purpose of reaping profits. . . They have made of the screen a purveyor of all that is vile and unclean in our social life. . . The makers of our screen entertainment may continue to earn dividends by selling the immorality of women, but no longer can they sell it to me."

Leaders Denounce Present Movie Trends

Continuing, WMBI points out that "33,000,000 children and adolescents attend the movies every week (an average of 52 films a year)" and declared that "at least 40 of these pictures vividly portrayed sex and crime!"

What outstanding and fearless critics of current motion pictures think and are saying is tremendously pertinent. In the Round Table symposium noted above, assembled by Alvin Edward Wagner, Junior Pastor, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, River Forest, Illinois, the following views from noted leaders were quoted:

Mrs. Charles Merriam, Chicago member and former chairman of Better Films Committee: "When you bear in mind that at the start of our reviewing three years ago, we could endorse about one-half of the output, and that during the past year, 1939, we could endorse only about one-third of the output, and that now the per cent is so low that it approaches zero, we must surely realize that there is a serious situation."

stand idly by and permit this destruction of the morale of our youth to continue?"

Dr. F. O. Holt, President Wisconsin Teachers' Association: "The root of all present-day evils among young people lies at the doorstep of the movie house. . ."

Professor Richardson, former Professor of Northwestern University: "We might as well try to sweep the incoming Atlantic tide with a broom as to build up the moral character of the children while the present types of films are being shown promiscuously.

Dr. J. R. Geiger: "We are constantly hearing about the educational possibilities of the motion pictures. But there is little or no effort of producers and exhibitors to translate these potentialities into actualities. . ."

Prof. E. J. Duprey, Commonwealth Club of California: "The false conclusions of the screen productions are ruining our girls."

S. T. Beman, in his book "Censorship of the Theatre and Motion Pictures": "Youth breaks the law that in the movies he is taught to break."

Hendrick Van Loon: "Moving picture producers are a group of money chasers who are turning an entire race of youngsters into hysterical little psychopaths, whose ears and eyes must forever be glued to something that can only be described by a single word 'ignoble.'"—Forward.

STIR ME

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord—I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world;
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray;

Stir, till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, till all my heart
Is filled with strong compassion for these
souls;

Till Thy compelling 'must' drives me to pray,

Till Thy constraining love reach to the poles
Far north and south, in burning, deep desire,
Till east and west are caught in love's great
fire.

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, till prayer is pain,
Till prayer is joy . . . till prayer turns into
praise;

Stir me till heart and will and mind, yea, all

Is wholly Thine to use through all the days;
Stir, till I learn to pray 'exceedingly,'
Stir, till I learn to wait expectantly."

LIVING THINGS GROW

"All men by nature are spiritually dead. That is not the teaching of modernism, but it is the teaching of the Word of God. That is a basic fact, and its importance should be emphasized when we consider the growth and development of the spiritual life. Only living things grow. There can be no development of that which does not exist. That doubtless is the explanation for the lack of spiritual advancement observed in many church members. They have never been born again. They have never actually received Christ Jesus into their hearts as Saviour and Lord. Their names are enrolled on the church records, but not in the Lord's Book of Life. They sit in the church pews and are counted among the faithful, but actually they are members of the 'congregation of the dead.'"—Rev. J. L. F. H.