

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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EDITORIAL

CARRY ON!

The worldly-mindedness of many, the calling into active service of many of our faithful young people, and in some instances the removal of some of our church families to new communities, have taken a considerable toll of our attendance at church services.

One of the unfortunate results of prevailing conditions is the depleting of the ranks of our young people's societies. In many places there are but a few left to carry the burden of things and endeavour to keep up the meetings, financial obligations, etc.

Under these circumstances the question often arises: "Is it worth while to attempt to carry on under these conditions? Would it not be advisable to discontinue our young people's services until things are more favourable?" Now, I am not altogether unaware of the difficulties involved in seeking to keep up our work under prevailing conditions, but I think a careful consideration of the consequences of taking the easier way, and a courageous determination to take God's way, will result in a decision to carry on with our services and efforts.

The few who are left need the strength and encouragement derived from the work. The young people's meeting has its own peculiar blessing for the young people, and the responsibilities involved in carrying on our program hold our interest and keep our zeal alive. If the young people's services are abandoned, and the efforts to support our various local and denominational enterprises is discontinued, we cannot but lose blessing and interest. So because of what it means to the few young people left, and the benefit they derive, we should keep our meetings going.

Furthermore, what of the effects to our church and association efforts if the support given by our societies is withdrawn? Our Young People's Highway Page is paid for by our groups. Through our Self-Denial Fund the work of home and foreign missions is extended. And in many other ways support is given that cannot be discontinued without serious results. While our ranks are thinned and but few remain to bear the burden, our financial contributions are rising steadily, and this in itself is sufficient to encourage our faithfulness.

There remains one further suggestion as to why we should keep up our services and programme. That is, the good that the few may do in building up our work and extending our borders. There may be only a few in your group, but are all their resources pooled in a whole-hearted effort to gain recruits from those outside the church. If you had a small percentage of the unsaved young people who still remain in your community, saved and sanctified, and working with you, your numerical problem would be solved. Is this not so? Just number up in your mind those whom you know. It's true, isn't it? Then let's determine that rather than discontinue our young people's services, we shall work and pray harder than ever to build up our interest and attendance. To do otherwise is to accept a measure of defeat, so let's CARRY ON!

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NOTE

The first of our Scripture memorization verses appear in this issue. It isn't necessary to wait until Oct. 1st to begin the study. Start at once and thoroughly memorize every verse and its inference.

MEMORY VERSES

October 1st-15th

1. 2 Timothy 3:16.
2. 2 Timothy 3:17.
3. 2 Peter 1:21.
4. Joshua 1:8.
5. John 5:39.
6. Genesis 3:15.
7. John 20:31.
8. I. Corinthians 3:11.
9. I. Timothy 1:15.
10. Romans 10:9.
11. Titus 3:5.
12. John 1:11-12.
13. I. John 3:1.
14. Acts 4:12.
15. I. Corinthians 1:30.

Note.—As verses are memorized, their significance should be carefully considered. For instance, verses 1, 2 and 3 are direct claims for the inspiration of the Bible. Verse 6 is the first messianic promise. Verse 11 warns one against seeking salvation by works. Verse 14 presents Jesus as the only hope of salvation.

Ponder the meaning of each verse.

GOD'S WAY IS BEST

I know not where my Lord may lead—

O'er barren plain or grassy mead;
Through valley, or a mountain crest;
But where He leads, I know 'tis best.

I know not what a day may bring

Of perfect health or suffering;
Of rich delight, or deep distress—
Keen disappointment or success.

Nor do I know at morning sun

If life shall last till day is done,
But this I know—come toil or rest,
God always sends me what is best.

God often sends me joy through pain;

Through bitter loss, divinest gain,
Yet through it all—dark days or bright—
I know my Father leads aright.

And when life's evening shadows fall,

And I shall hear the final call,
I'll lay my head upon His breast,
And say, "Dear Lord, Thy way is best!"

—Selected

A GOOD EXAMPLE

A Chinese boy in Singapore had arranged to be baptized just after he graduated. But he won a scholarship of \$500 a year for four years in Hong Kong University, and one of the conditions was that the student be a Confucianist. The youth was poor and the temp-

tation was great to say nothing and defer his baptism until he had finished his course. But finally, he stood at the altar for Christian baptism at the appointed time.

The youth who stood next in rank was a Confucianist, but he was much impressed by his friend's decision that he said, "If Christianity is worth so much to my classmate, it can be worth no less to me. I will be a Christian." He also refused the scholarship and was baptized.—Epworth Herald.

A MESSAGE ON THE TELEPHONE

A little girl had a dog called Bob, of which she was very fond. One morning he followed her father into the town when he went to business; and later on she missed the dog, and could not find him anywhere. Then a thought struck her, "Perhaps he has gone off with Father!" So she went into the hall to the telephone, and ringing up her father at his office, she asked:

"Father, is Bob there?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"Hold him up to the telephone, please, Father."

So Bob was lifted up, struggling of course, when she called, "Bobbie, come home." Immediately he pricked up his ears. "Bobbie, come come." With a bark he made for the door, and soon after trotted into the house. He heard the voice of love, and obeyed.

There is a voice calling you, dear children, a voice of love. Listen! It says, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest." Will you not obey? It is the voice of the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for you. He wants you; will you not come, just now?—A. M. B., in Gospel Stories for the Young.

DAVE'S AWAKENING

Some years ago, in a poor schoolhouse in a back district, a boy at the foot of the class unexpectedly spelled a word which had passed down the entire class.

"Go to the head of the class," said the master, "and see that you stay there. You can if you work hard."

The boy hung his head. But the next day he did not miss a word in spelling. The brighter scholars knew every word in the lesson, hoping there might be a chance to get ahead, but there was not a single one. Dave stayed at the head. He had been an indifferent speller before, but now he knew every word.

"Dave, how do you get your lessons so well now?" said the master.

"I learn every word in the lesson, and get my mother to hear me at night, then I go over them in the morning before I come to school. And I go over them at my seat before the class is called up."

"Good boy, Dave," said the master. "That's the way to have success; always work that way and you'll do."

Dave became the manager of a large company, and he attributes his start to the words, "Go to the head, and see that you stay there; you can if you work hard."—Christian Advocate.