

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## LANDMARKS

Prov. 22:28  
(Rev. A. D. Cann)

A landmark according to the dictionary is a fixed object that marks the boundary of a tract of land. The writer of the text evidently had in mind the boundaries or doctrines of the Christian Church. Accordingly Dr. Adam Clarke in writing on the text admonishes "not to add to or take away from the pure simple doctrines of the gospel."

During the past weeks the weakness of certain military landmarks has been revealed. The revelation came too late and they are now in enemy hands. The strength and strategy of the enemy was apparently underestimated. Each of the allied nations have had their particular warnings; England her Dunkirk; United States her Pearl Harbor; and the whole world has been shocked over the loss of Singapore. In view of these losses the allies have stirred themselves up to greater effort. We now realize we are in a life and death struggle. The occasion of all this blood is the moving of landmarks. The cause is selfishness.

What is true concerning the nations is also true concerning churches. A form of self love which robs God has resulted in the removing of many doctrines in the Christian church. Love has been and always will be the very heart of the gospel. Many Christian people, however, seem to be under the grip of self-love and self-complacency. Too few, all too few, have been loosed or broken from the self-life as to experience, perfect love, which expresses itself in self-denial and joyful service. Many interpret love, or Christian experience, as something merely to be enjoyed. A passive quality, whereas in reality it is a creative power, a self-sacrificing power, a self-denying power, a compelling power. It expresses itself in life, activity and creation.

The nations are finding that it costs something in order to keep their landmarks or boundaries. Millions of lives are being offered as well as millions of dollars being solicited to gain this end. In like manner does it cost us as Christians both blood and money to retain our doctrines. That exalted state of supreme love to God or holiness demands of us infinite sacrifice. May God help us young people to keep our landmarks. Yea, let us not aim at a defensive warfare only, but by God's grace to make a mighty offensive. Such warfare, however, is not possible where there is an internal enemy in the power of the carnal mind. We cannot retain our landmarks where the carnal mind is countenanced. It is a fifth columnist. It is accursed. It must be destroyed. Our enemies are mighty, the carnal mind is mighty, so mighty that even God does not control it, but thank God, he can destroy it. May we not only keep the pure doctrines of the gospel, but may we make a forward movement in the territory of the enemy. One has said, "Between the great things which we cannot do, and the little things we won't do, lies the danger of doing nothing." Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." As reapers we shall be judged by our harvest as well as our motives.

We holiness young people have a great heritage. We have machinery, that is, the pure doctrines of the gospel, but these doctrines need be set on fire with the Holy Ghost, if we

are to make an offensive warfare. If it cost our country money and blood to gain a military victory, it also costs the church money and blood to gain a spiritual victory. If we are to become spiritual mothers and fathers, it will be at the cost of rest and food, hours in prayer, days of personal ministry and sometimes sleepless nights. Sinners can be saved and love pays the price. We must evangelize or die.

## REGIONAL YOUTH CONVENTIONS

At the Ottawa meeting of the Canadian Youth Holiness Association last fall, a new plan for holiness youth rally was considered and adopted. The executive of the C. Y. H. A. believed it would be the part of wisdom to follow the bi-annual plan for the Dominion Convention. The plan and expense of the meeting is such as would render it difficult to hold a rally every year, especially at this stage in the organization's development. Wherever this general gathering is slated for, some people have to travel many hundreds of miles to attend; and so, desiring to keep interest in this meeting alive among young people in every section of the Dominion, and to bring every convention of the Association within the reach of the greatest number, it was decided to allow for a two year period between each such rally.

For the intervening year the suggestion of several zone rallies to be held simultaneously, was adopted. That is, the Dominion is divided into zones covering uniform areas with a place of meeting chosen that would be quite easily accessible to all of that district. Whether the work of the C. Y. H. A. is developed sufficiently in Western Canada to make such meetings practical for this year, is not fully known, but plans are being worked out for three such meetings in Eastern Canada. D. V., there will be a meeting for Western Ontario, probably at Hamilton, one for Eastern Ontario, with Kingston as the possible location, and one in the Maritimes at a point not finally determined as yet. If this plan is successfully worked out, there will be at least three regional rallies over Labor Day week-end this coming fall, three meetings held where holiness young people will meet for fellowship and instruction in holy things. While it is impossible to lay any final plans for such meetings as these under present conditions, we are hoping, through the providence of God that we may see them carried to completion. In times of war great changes must be made in our plans, and with travel already seriously restricted the passing of months may mean the temporary cessation of all such gatherings.

Let us make the matter a subject of prayer, for more certainly such rallies would be a great source of blessing and benefit to the holiness young people and the holiness cause in our land.

## C. Y. H. A. AFFILIATION

We are pleased with the good response of our R. B. Young People's Societies to the C. Y. H. A. affiliation appeal. Our youth have given enthusiastic and valuable support to this worthy cause from the time of its inception, and the continuation and increase of that spirit is most encouraging. A few societies have not

as yet responded. We would like to have a 100% response. If your society hasn't affiliated, will you send \$1.00 with the name of your secretary to the Y. P. Editor? Let's give "solid" support to this important and promising work!

## ANSWERED PRAYER

I prayed for strength, and then I lost a while  
All sense of nearness, human and divine;  
The love I leaned on failed and pierced my heart,

The hands I clung to loosed themselves from mine;  
But while I swayed, weak, trembling and alone,  
The everlasting arms upheld my own.

I prayed for light, the sun went down in clouds,  
The moon was darkened by a misty doubt;  
The stars of heaven were dimmed by earthly fears,

And all my little candle flames burned out.  
But while I sat in shadow, wrapped in night,  
The face of Christ made all the darkness bright.

I prayed for peace, and dreamed of restful ease,  
A slumber drugged from pain, a hushed repose;  
Above my head the skies were black with storm,

And fiercer grew the onslaught of my foes;  
But while the battle raged, and wild winds blew,  
I heard His voice, and perfect peace I knew.

I thank Thee, Lord, thou wert too wise to heed

My feeble prayers, and answer, as I sought,  
Since these rich gifts thy bounty has bestowed  
Have brought me more than all I asked or thought;

Giver of good, so answer each request  
With Thine Own giving, better than my best.

—Annie Johnson Flint

## SELF DENIAL FUND

Miss Mary Campbell (pledge).....\$5.20  
It would be good for others to deny themselves a little more and give a little more to this great cause. I know that the Lord will bless you in so doing.

Your brother in Christ,

D. W. MARSTON, Treas.

## SOWING THE SEED

Not all hotel managers like to have Bibles in their rooms. For example: when a hotel in Western Canada changed ownership, the new proprietor had all the Gideon Bibles thrown out on the dump. Later, a poor girl went to the dump, hoping to find something of small value that she might sell. Noticing the Bibles, she picked one up and took it home, and through reading it, she found Christ, and this led to the founding of a Sunday school class whose members also went to the dump and provided themselves with Bibles, so that not a single copy was left unappropriated.—S. S. Times.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.—  
Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.