

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—1 Timothy 4-12

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## PRIORITIES

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Yesterday we scarcely knew the meaning of the word. Today, it is tabletop conversation.

In an effort to safeguard our nation with the maximum possible defence, item after item is being placed on a priority list. How far we may have to deny ourselves the comforts to which we have become accustomed, no one knows. But we do know that certain things never can be and never will be listed on a priority memorandum, never will be restricted, never will be placed under an allotment or quota.

Take repentance and faith, for example.

No one has a greater claim on the right to repent and receive forgiveness for sin than **you**. Faith is yours in the very measure in which you choose to use it. Your ration of faith is according to your capacity. "According to your faith be it unto you."

Then there are the promises of God.

The rich and the poor, the wise and unlearned, the privileged and the unprivileged all read the same words: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9. And when we read in Romans 8:28 that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord," we can know that our Heavenly Father has our very interests at heart. No particular age, or nation, or church, or individual, has had a promise from God but which is yours and mine, according to His word.

And then there is time.

Time in a way is kind to us, because it heals the wounds of the past and erases the bitterness of memories. But in another way Time is unkind, because with devastating persistence it consumes the precious opportunities that life gives us—and each day that passes brings us the realization that there is just that much less that we can accomplish for Christ in the short space of time given us. If Time could be placed on a priority list, and if, for a time, the process of the slow destruction of human life value ceased, then and only then could we afford to waste time and opportunities. But Time is on no priority list—so let us use it wisely and spend it to the glory of God.

But, then there is Death.

If only the grim old man with the scythe could be placed under a priority quota, so that all men would not be perpetually living under the sentence of death! But he cannot, and herein lies our task! Men and women are dying every day—and many of them without Christ. We have become so accustomed to saying this that the alarming fact doesn't stir us any more. But the fact remains that we shall meet our lives again—before God at the last great day—and now is the time to consider whether we shall meet Him empty-handed.

The greatest factors in life with which we deal are not, nor ever can be on a priority list. So let us tell the story of Christ by a life that is a witness to the power that liveth in us!

## YOUTH MEETING

The Young People's Society and Church of Moncton united in a ten-day Youth Meeting, Feb. 19th-28th.

Rev. Ernest Cooper, of Toronto, president of the Y. P. M. B. of the Free Methodist Church of Canada, was special speaker. Having travelled from coast to coast in youth work, and being himself a young man, Brother Cooper came with good qualifications for such a meeting. His messages were owned of God, and his ministry among us was of great blessing to old and young. The whole church was blessed and there were some definite victories. Holiness was emphasized as the privilege of the believer and some crossed the Jordan to possess their Canaan inheritance.

We feel the meeting was of great benefit to us, and plan, D. V., to make an annual Youth Meeting effort.

## WHERE ARE THEY?

Alden Churchill, of Port Maitland, with the R. C. A. F., Gaspé, Quebec.

Henry Churchill, of Port Maitland, with the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Miss Iris Thompson, of Port Maitland, with the W. A. A. F., Exeter, Ontario.

Grovnor Jensen, of Centreville, with the Armed Forces at Petewawa, Ont.

Miss Ainslie Jensen, of Centreville, on the nursing staff of Verdun Protestant Hospital, Montreal, P. Q.

Thomas Devine, of Woods Harbour, N. S., stationed at Halifax, N. S.

Miss Ida Malone, of Woods Harbour, N. S., at Halifax, N. S.

## THE POWER OF PURPOSE

Some thirty years ago, on a farm out west, lived a family—parents with two boys. One day the oldest son became very ill. The younger one later wrote how he watched his father, horseback, galloping for a doctor who lived twenty miles away. In due time the doctor arrived.

Meanwhile, the small boy hid himself behind some furniture to learn all about his sick brother, fearful of being asked to leave the room if seen. He says that he watched every move of the doctor and saw depicted on his parents' faces sadness and sorrow. After administering some medicine and waiting a while, the doctor smiled and said, "He is ill, very ill, but in a couple of weeks we shall have him all right again."

From behind the furniture the small brother saw the lines that were on the faces of his father and mother disappear. Their faces became wreathed in smiles and they looked happy again. That small boy that moment said to himself, "When I grow up I am going to be able to do that. I am going to be able to make boys and girls better when they are ill, and make their mothers and fathers happy." He stuck to his purpose against terrible odds. That boy is today Doctor Rosenow at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

The registering of a noble purpose has been the turning point in many a life. It is the dividing line between mediocrity and excellence, between uselessness and fruitful service, between heaven and hell.—Religious Telescope.

## SELF-DENIAL FUND

Stephen C. Haywood (pledge).....\$5.20  
Mrs. Edward Pyne (pledge)..... 2.00  
Clarence Dow (pledge) ..... 5.00

Greetings to the friends of our Self-Denial Fund.

We are glad for the good response in the previous year and look forth with confidence to this one bringing even a greater collection of money to help our missionaries of the cross of Jesus to prevail over obstacles of oppression. Let's each do our part in the evangelizing of souls. Pay your pledges and if you have not pledged, do your bit and have part in the S. D. Contribution this year.

Your S. D. Treas.,

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## TEEN-AGE GIRLS' PERIL

By Rev. B. H. Pearson

November 5th, Fort Wayne's News Sentinel carried a general release headed, "War Presents Problems in Teen-age Girl Delinquency." From Maine to California, from the Canadian border to Florida, juvenile authorities were aroused by increases as high as forty and fifty per cent in delinquency among the teen-age girls and in new cases of social disease. One leading thinker referred to these child delinquencies as "home-front casualties." The picture given is a terrifying one.

It was stated that "adult modes of dress for girls are a partial excuse for service men involved." Probably what the writer meant was that teen-age modes of dress by adult women leave no alternative to these youngsters other than dressing as adults.

There is a challenge to every parent, every pastor, every youth worker in the land. Feeling badly concerning this situation will not cure it. We must do something. These teen-age youngsters are full of life and must have activities. It may cost us something. It may mean changing our schedules. It may mean passing up some easy war-production money; but nothing can ever repay you if your daughter, your Sunday-school girl, your children's chum is one of these "home-front casualties."

Why not consider the recreational facilities in your home, the recreational activities in which you help your own children and neighbors' children to wholesome, healthful activity in these days of terrible strain?

Remember, the authorities are calling for curfew hours on parks and streets. Where parents are failing on the job, proxy parents for groups of children are called for. Here is a challenge to our Y. P. officers everywhere. You can't have revivals with teen-age young people who are on their way to hell, outside of church services, church influences and Christian homes. These youngsters are worth fighting for. Let's ask God to help us make it victory.

## FOREARMED

Looking ahead to the results, to the consequences, will help you in the making of decisions. This does not mean that you should worry, nor that you should feel rebellious against events that are beyond your control.—Watchword.