

THE WISEMAN SAYS:

He who faithfully works for God, will soon find the infinite God working for him.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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ADVERTISING JESUS

"The gospel must first be published among all nations. Mark 13:10.

EDITORIAL

LET US KEEP AWAKE

A friend of mine who is in the R. C. A. F. said the following, in a letter to me last winter: "Since I have had to be Orderly Sgt. on the station and wake the lads in the morning, I've realized how much more difficult it is to **keep** them awake than to first awaken them."

This airman discovered a principle that is all too true as it applies to the human race. It is one thing to be aroused when danger first threatens, or to be enthusiastically aware of some new project that is being initiated, but it is another thing to remain alert after the novelty wears off.

Without exception our three fall Rallies, at Sandford, St. John, and Fort Fairfield have yielded encouraging fruit from the co-operative efforts and active interest of our young people. The success of these meetings indicates the possibility of a great denominational convention next spring; but now that we are awake to the benefits derivable from our rallies by our own group, and aware of the opportunities for attracting outsiders, we must strive to keep awake.

Recently a whole page of one of the Maritime's outstanding newspapers was devoted to the work and programme of the Canadian Youth Commission. The purpose of the C. Y. C. is to foster programmes and initiate activities that will meet the needs of the youth of Canada. Doubtless many of us would deplore the "ways and means of the Commission in trying to interest the young people, but we must give credit to its leaders for their vision and unceasing activity in organizing and advertising. But our more personal reaction is simply this: If an organization which, fundamentally, is not Christian in the New Testament sense, has such concern for the youth of Canada, **how much more** should we as **Christian** young people be awake to the needs of our fellow young men and women around us.

Let us begin, then, by first deepening the spirituality of our own societies, and then reach out to others who do not attend any young people's service.

We have been awakened, I believe, to the possibilities of an expanding Young People's Association—let us **keep** awake.

WE ARE WAITING—

Young People's Editor, as well as all the readers of this page, are eagerly awaiting the detailed reports from the Y. P. Rallies in St. John and Fort Fairfield. We urge the reporters to send in their "write-ups" as soon as possible.

We would also remind all those who recently promised the Y. P. Editor to send in accounts of their home societies.

GOD IS ALL IN ALL

A man who scoffed at religion asked a boy: "Is your God a great God or a little God?"

The boy answered, "My God is so great that He fills the universe and so little that He fills my heart." The man did not laugh; he was

MINUTE BIOGRAPHIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS

Jonathan Edwards

Our previous sketches being of "Old World" characters, we come now to one from America.

Youth

Jonathan Edwards was born at Windsor, Connecticut, October 5th, 1703. Young Edwards while yet a boy showed signs of his great interest in learning by reading "with a keen relish" some of the profound philosophical works of his day. He was aware, however, that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," and even though his mind tended to writings on nature and philosophy, yet there was soon awakened in him the love of religion and theology.

Early Ministry

Edwards graduated from Yale College before he was sixteen years of age, and about two years later was given a license to preach. His first active preaching was at New York where he had been invited by a group of English Presbyterians. In 1724 he was appointed as a Tutor in the school where he graduated, but after serving for only two years, he travelled to Northampton, Mass., where he was ordained to the ministry.

Dismissal from Church

Throughout his pastorate at Northampton his labors were attended by great success, and the people learned to love him for his sweet spirit, kind affection, and cheerful outlook. But misunderstanding crept in when it was thought that he enforced too rigidly his church discipline. The issue revolved around his "refusal to administer the sacrament to those who could not give proofs of their conversion." Surely such a stand is worthy of commendation rather than censure. As a result, Edwards was dismissed from his church after twenty-three years of faithful work.

Mission to the Indians

He did not permit himself to be idle, however, soon going as a missionary to the Housatonic Indians at Stockbridge, Mass. As is so often the case when one seems to have been thwarted in his chief endeavor, this period of apparent frustration but provided the time and opportunity for the writing of the famous treatise on **The Freedom of the Will**, a document referred to as a "masterpiece of metaphysical argument."

Writings

Edwards served in his capacity as missionary for about six years, during which period he produced many of his literary works. Among these were his sermons which were unrivalled in their logic and power. Whoever has read his sermon, **Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God** can well understand why sinners trembled when he preached.

Death

In the year 1758, he was elected president of the college at Princeton, but he had hardly become acquainted with his duties before he was stricken with smallpox, and died on March 22, 1758, aged fifty-four. Just before

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

From personal experience, I am convinced that scriptural Christianity works in a practical, everyday world, in the face of all types of circumstances. I have found that the Lord has never failed; and as I have leaned on Him, my strength has been renewed daily. All kinds of problems are constantly presenting themselves; but as I, through my prayer life, keep the relationship between my Lord and me clear and unobstructed, the difficulties dissolve.

Nothing has ever been taken from me but what something better has been provided in its stead. Christ has proved himself a Saviour, a Friend, and a Guide. Without Him, life has no meaning and I am completely frustrated.

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GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME

God has been good to me!

Other men have had

A thousand things I set my heart upon;

I have no land, or house, or home,

And precious little else

That men could set a price upon.

But, I have friends, true friends,

And I have love, and books.

A soul to see beauty in the commonplace.

Ears to hear melody,

And in my heart I have a song—

A song that lingers through storm

Or shadows,

And is not lost amid the din of pleasures.

Yes, whatever I have sought, or lost

Or grieved for,

I still have God,

And God has been good to me.

—James Asa Johnson

in "The World's Crisis"

SAINT MATTHEW

By Bess Samuel Ayers

No doubt they called him racketeer, this one

Who, ostracized and hated, earned his gold

By taking hard-won money from the Jews

To give to haughty Rome; but Jesus told

Him once to follow Him. He saw beneath

The surface, saw his heart, and knew this

hand

That once had itched for gold, could later

write

A golden record, at his Lord's command.

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PRAISE AND TRUST

Praise is very closely related to confidence and trust in the Lord. It is the soul who trusts that praises. Praise is an outward indication of trust. When the heart trusts, he lips sing. Trust inspires praise. But the enemy will try to stop the outflow of praise, and this will react on the heart and weaken its trustfulness.

around his bed heard him say, "Trust in God, and ye need not fear." Jonathan Edwards' life and death were ample proof of his dying