

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12
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THE GLORY OF WISDOM

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."—Prov. 3:27.

STRANGE ESCAPE

Three Scotch privates and a corporal had been cut off during a fierce engagement in a Belgian town one day just preceding Dunkirk. Taking refuge in the loft of an empty house, they awaited what seemed to be certain death. Outside they heard the Germans setting fire to buildings, looting, killing.

Suddenly the corporal said, "Lads, it's time for church parade, let's hae a wee bit of service here, it may be oor last."

The soldiers looked a bit astonished, but, placing their rifles in a corner, they stood at attention. The corporal took a small Testament from his breast pocket and turned the pages.

As he read, loud shouts came from below. Doors banged, and glass was shattered.

He finished, and his grave face took on a wry smile. "I'm no' a gude hand at this job, but we must finish it off. Let us pray."

The corporal stood with the Bible in his hand. The others knelt and bowed their heads. A little haltingly, and very simply, he committed their way to God and asked for strength to meet their coming fate like men.

Suddenly a heavy hand crashed open the door. An exultant exclamation in German was heard and then a gasp of surprise. Not a man moved, and the corporal went calmly on. After a pause he began, with great reverence, to repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Hearing a click of his heels a second later, they knew the enemy was standing at attention. A moment of suspense, and then came the soft closing of the door and the sound of footsteps dying away.

Gradually the sound of battle moved on. At dusk the four men ventured out and, by making a wide detour, worked around the flank of the enemy. They reached the British outposts in safety that night.—From the Record.

THE "HERE AM I" SPIRIT

General William Booth once wanted fourteen recruits for India. He had his whole company about him. He said: "This is very dangerous work, and it requires great self-sacrifice. I might detail you for the work, but I will not detail any of you. I will tell you what I will do: If any of you want to volunteer for it, you will have the privilege to do so after one hour. Go away now and pray about it." They went away and prayed about it, and at the end of the hour General Booth said: "Are any of you willing to undertake this work?" And fourteen stalwart men stepped forward and said: "We are ready to sail tomorrow morning."—A. H. Bradford, D.D.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

May 4-6

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A denomination-wide rally. Every Y. P. S. is requested to send delegates. Special speakers, special singing. A great time is expected.

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MUSIC

A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul,—Goethe.

THE LOVE OF THE TRINITY

God the Father's love—John 3:16, Jer. 31:3.
God the Son's love—Eph. 5:25; Gal. 2:20.
God the Spirit's love—Romans 15:30.

GOD'S GENTLEMAN

Keeps himself clean and tidy. Believes in dressing to the glory of God as well as speaking to the glory of God. Is regular in his attendance at Church or Mission. If he is going to be away from his duties he informs the leader. Believes in punctuality and practices it. Is in his place when the service commences. Does not sit and chatter. One of his distinctive marks is reverence. Is careful not to look around and stare at others coming in late. Does not monopolise all the time in giving his testimony. Does not offer long prayers.

Endeavours to make everybody feel at home. Has no eye for the weaknesses and discourtesies of others. Never parades other people's ignorance and rudeness. Has no affectation. Does not appear a paragon. Is not pompous. Seeks to encourage everybody. Sees the grace of God in the youngest and weakest Christians and is glad. Covers up the failures of his brethren. Has control of his tongue. Speaks well of all God's children.

Another of his distinctive marks is love for the brethren. He is not suspicious of their motives. Does not seek to belittle the successes of others when he speaks of them. Bears with the ignorant and the over-zealous. Feels quite at home when other Christians are being eulogised in his presence. Does not trample over other people's feelings. Never feels that he knows everything and that his way of stating truths is the only way. In his tongue is the law of kindness. In his heart is the spirit of toleration. He believes more in being courteous than in being critical.

He lives with Christ. Sees things from Christ's point of view. Another of his distinctive marks is gentleness. He is not hard and domineering. Can trust God to look after His own work. Never compromises. Is not a coward. And selfishness is unknown in his life.—Selected.

"IT'S ME, LORD"

A little girl who once attended a religious meeting said to the leader of the meeting that she wished that they would pray for her, but did not want them to mention her name. So in the meeting, when every head was bowed, the leader prayed: "O Lord, there is a little girl here who does not want her name known, but thou dost know her. Save her precious soul, Lord." There was a perfect silence, then away in the back of the meeting house a little voice said, "Please, it's me, Jesus."—Sel.

MINUTE BIOGRAPHIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS

Francis Asbury

Down in Wilmore, Kentucky, Asbury College stands as an institution of learning dedicated to the supreme task of Christian education and character building. Doubtless many who hear of "Asbury" little think of the illustrious person whose name is now perpetuated by the college.

Father of American Methodism

Francis Asbury is to Methodism in America what Wesley was in the British Isles. As such, to him "must go the honor of being "Father in God" to the largest Protestant Church the New World knows." Asbury was not as distinguished in eloquence as some of his famous contemporaries, but his genius as an organizer has left its stamp on the ecclesiastical systems of America.

Rugged Pioneer

But neither was Asbury's work one of mere administration dictated from behind a busy desk. True it is that he was made superintendent or bishop over the flock, but it was his own gift that made the room for him. He was ever a pioneer, scorning an easy pastorate while there yet remained an unopened frontier. He travelled and preached from morning until night, not stopping for wind or rain, flood or forest, finally achieving a record of endeavor that would rival the accomplishment of the celebrated founder of the movement, John Wesley.

Self-Educated

Asbury was born in England, August 20, 1745, and at the early age of eighteen became a local preacher. From that time on he was engaged continuously in religious work, and although he had no opportunity to procure a regular university training, his education was not hindered thereby. He had the courage to tackle Hebrew, Latin and Greek by himself, and did not cease his study until he had a working knowledge of the subjects. Furthermore, he followed the worthy practise of reading one hundred pages of good literature every day.

Justifies Appointment

If Wesley revealed his keen insight into basic human character when he appointed Francis Asbury as the leader of the American work, then Asbury proved the worth of Wesley's judgment. When Asbury attended the first Methodist Conference at Philadelphia in 1773, the conference represented ten preachers and about eleven hundred members. Before he died he had exercised his office as Bishop in the ordaining of three thousand preachers, while the laity had increased in equal proportion.

Sudden Death

Asbury died in the midst of his activities, on March 31st, 1816. He had been on a trip to Virginia, and was in the home of a friend when his spirit suddenly departed to be with God. His body was buried in a vault under the pulpit of the Eutaw Street Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

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