

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

—ECCLES. 12:1

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### EDITORIAL

#### QUANTITY OR QUALITY IN LIFE

Two little boys were playing one day when a lady approached. Holding out her hands to the younger, she said: "Which do you want, John?" John saw in her right hand several coins and in the other only one coin. "I'll take this hand," said John reaching for about a dozen pennies. The other boy was myself and I received the single coin, a quarter. The point of this story is that John was looking for quantity rather than quality.

James in his epistle asks the question, "What is your life?" Many people would give some sort of quantitative reply, laying full emphasis on the "three score years and ten." Men in all ages have entertained the dream of extending their lives indefinitely. Ponce de Lion in his day sought for the fountain of youth, and in our age it is the fond hope of medical science to add years to our life expectancy.

To live long is good, of course; but to emphasize longevity for its own sake shows a distorted sense of value. Man's life at the longest is but a vapor, and though "by reason of strength" he extend his days long past his allotted time, "yet is his strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away."

The worthwhile life, then, must be determined by quality rather than quantity. If length of years were the criterion of a successful life, then we would need to revise our lists of great men. Raphael, Pascal, Mendelssohn, Byron, Keats, Stevenson, and many others would be eliminated, for all these reached the zenith of their greatness while yet young men. Even the dynamic life of Jesus would have been a failure if quantity were the standard. Greatness is always predicated upon quality.

Again, as quantity of years is not the **summum bonum** of living, neither is quantity of accumulation. Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Investigation has shown that there is no ratio between the possession of wealth and happiness. Happiness is not dependent upon content but upon character.

But how put character or quality into life? Quality is the result of seeking a worthwhile goal; of building into our personalities eternal values. In this process Christ must be the soul architect. He it is who can take our rough lives, hew away the jagged edges, remove the accumulation of worthless things, touch them with the hand of Omnipotence, and transform our cheap alloy into gold, gold that will stand the test of fire.

What is your life? Life is truth; life is beauty; life is goodness; life is Christ radiating His love and spirit through the whole moral fabric of the soul. True life is in quality, for quality is the measure of worth both in time and in eternity.

#### LITTLE THINGS

Do not despise little things; the widow's mite was as precious in the eyes of the Lord as the rich man's gift, so should little acts of kindness be appreciated when emanating from a poor and generous heart.—James Ellis.

### YOUTH IN ACTION

The following quotation is contained in an article titled "Institute Stimulates Liberal Youth" from an influential religious periodical, **The Christian Leader**:

"None of the 'institooters' will forget the 'Hobo Party,' top honors for which were carried by 'Gargantua,' sometimes known as the Rev. Gordon B. McKeeman, or the robust minstrels of 'Cole's Capers.' These affairs plus a fair amount of 'Maze Tag,' Virginia Reels, and what-not, were the product of Dave Cole's amazing ability to have a good time and teach others how to have one, too . . . That gives a rough sketch of the formal and informal activities of Youth Institute . . . The young people are aware of the need for liberal religion in a world which is still trying futilely to escape from its difficulties through the 'Jesus Saves,' 'Pie in the sky bye-and-bye' type of thinking."

We wonder what sort of spiritual character these young people will be able to grow from the kind of soul food that is being passed to them by their church. The whole proceeding is a disgrace to the name "Christian."

As a mind-clearing contrast to the above, listen to Dr. J. C. McPheeters in an excerpt from his recent editorial, "The March of Youth":

"The paralysis which has come to youth through unbelief, uncertainty, and the questioning of the miracles of the Bible, is now receiving a counter blow in a new awakening and a new stir in the camps of youth for allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the only Saviour of mankind, the only begotten of the Father, and co-equal with God. This march of youth for the Lord Jesus Christ includes a wide and far-flung area of activity. A great army of youth are attending Bible schools, colleges, and seminaries that are true to the Bible as the Word of the living God, given by men who were 'moved by the Holy Ghost.'"

"During the summer months, there are multiplied thousands of youth who are in attendance at camp meetings, assemblies, and institutes, where the Bible is preached and taught as the infallible Word of God and where Christ is exalted as the only Lord and Saviour of mankind, and as 'King of kings and Lord of lords.' These youth are strong, vigorous, and intellectually alert. Many of them have become wise to the dangers of modernism and are determined to remain true to the faith 'once delivered to the saints.'"

The young people who march under the banner of "Jesus Saves" will be the spiritual leaders of tomorrow rather than the weak souls who call themselves "Liberal Youth."

W. H. M

#### Y. P. RALLY

All young people on District 4 are urged to attend the Rally which will be held at Port Maitland, N. S., Sept. 13-16, with Rev. F. A. Watson as special speaker, and Paul Mullen as song leader.

NOTE: Y. P. Editor regrets that this announcement did not reach him in time for the last issue, but we hope for a successful rally, and shall expect an encouraging report for the Y. P. Page.

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### GREAT THOUGHTS

Luck always seems to favor the man who doesn't count on it.

True charity has no memory of acts done by the way.

Delay not till tomorrow to be wise; tomorrow's sun to thee may never rise.—Congreve.

He is dear to me who is just, impartial, pure—who is always the same—trustworthy, calm, self-possessed.

The decisions that youth makes are vital. The ways you choose grow into habits and habits speedily become bands that hold you fast.

Art thou a beggar at God's door? Be sure thou gettest a great bowl, for as thy bowl is, so shall be thy mess. According as thy faith, saith he, be it unto you.—John Bunyan.

The most hopeless barrier to strife is the steady indifference of a man who knows he has work to do, and who goes on doing it irrespective of anybody's opinion.

The most terrible temptation is that which solicits us to abandon the high quest of the distant and divine in order to enjoy at once the limited, the earthly, the partial.—Samuel Smith Harris.

Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting and in being served by others. It consists in giving and serving others.—Henry Drummond.

I try to increase the power God has given me to see the best in everything and everyone, and make the best a part of my life. To what is good I open the doors of my being, and zealously shut them against what is bad.—Helen Keller.

### WATCH YOUR WORDS

The other day a lady was leaning over the railings in a park watching the fish in the pond. A young man came along slowly, every now and again touching the top rail. Unfortunately he bumped into the woman, and she roundly berated him for clumsiness, asking: "Why don't you look where you are going?" The young man expressed regret, adding: "Excuse me, I have been totally blind for six months," at which the woman began to weep. Watch your words. A wise man once said: "A single word in the wrong spirit can do more harm than all the works of Voltaire and Paine."—Selected.

### SHARING

The world is full of sorrow and trial, and we cannot live among our fellow-men and be true without sharing their loads. If we are happy, we must hold the lamp of our happiness so that its beams will fall upon the shadowed heart. Selfishness must die, or else our own heart's life must be frozen within us. We soon learn that we cannot live for ourselves and be Christians, that the blessings that are given to us are really for other people, and that we are only God's ministers to carry them in Christ's name to those for whom they were intended.—Dr. J. R. Miller.