

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."
—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL NOTES

SELF-DENIAL FUND

Some have asked about the Self-denial Fund. This is a fund sponsored by the Y. P. A. in the interest of missions, the money being raised by individual pledges of ten cents a week for one year. Through this means the young people have made a generous contribution to our denominational projects. For instance in the year 1944-45, the Self-denial plan yielded \$250 for Home Missions, \$250 for Foreign Missions, and \$650 for a permanent Bible School. The total amount arised during that year, nearly \$1200, was approximately twice the amount raised three years ago.

The Y. P. A. hopes that Beulah 1946 will show even a greater interest in this worthwhile fund. All pledges should be sent to the treasurer, Miss Lillie Mullen, 233 Aberdeen St., Fredericton, N. B.

Y. P. RALLY

Spring is in the air, and with the first green bud comes the thought of our yearly Y. P. Rally. The convention last year at Marysville was an unqualified success. We hope that plans as to place, time and speaker can soon be announced on this page. Keep watching.

H. B. I.

We have heard good reports from our school in Woodstock—very indirectly, however. Y. P. Editor has been waiting eagerly for those promised students letters to the Y. P. Page.

YOUTH CAMP

How many are planning to attend the Youth Camp after Beulah? We want to get you thinking on the subject early. For the first experiment, the camp last summer was most successful, with at least fifty young people in attendance. Many older camps have no larger registration than this. Lay your plans NOW so that you can attend this year. More news later.

YOUTH IN ACTION

The liquor interests make their greatest appeal to the unsuspecting youth of our land. But what if the glamour were taken out of alcohol? "Ask youth what is interesting or adventurous in a dirty tavern with frowsy people jabbering like lunatics?" A thoughtful question.

Two Christian Universities, one in Korea and the other in Japan, will soon be in full time operation to accommodate several thousand young people who want an education under Christian influences.

Toyohiko Kagawa, internationally known evangelist, is one of four advisers for these two institutions.

Our returning troops who land at Halifax are now able to attend religious services aboard train. Special cars have been equipped with portable altars, and chaplains conduct services for the army, navy, and airforce.

"So near is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man;
When Duty whispers low, 'Thou must!'
YOUTH replies, 'I can.'"

—Whittier.

THE CIGARETTE SPEAKS

I'm just a friendly cigarette—
Don't be afraid of me!
Why all the advertisers say
I'm harmless as can be!
They tell that I'm your "best friend,"
(I like that cunning lie!)
And say you'll walk a mile for me,
Because I "satisfy."

So come on, girlie, be a sport!
Why longer hesitate?
With me between your pretty lips,
You'll be quite up to date!
You may not like me right at first,
But very soon I'll bet,
You'll find you just can't get along
Without a cigarette!

You've smoked one package, so I know
I've nothing now to fear;
When once I get a grip on girls,
They're mine for life, my dear!
Your freedom you began to lose,
The very day we met,
When I convinced you it was smart
To smoke a cigarette!

The color's fading from your cheeks;
Your finger-tips are stained;
And now you'd like to give me up,
But, sister, you are chained!
You even took a drink last night!
I thought you would ere long,
For those whom I enslave soon lose
Their sense of right and wrong.

And should you e'er a mother be,
According to God's will
Your offspring, poisoned with nicotine,
An early grave may fill,
Or following in your footsteps
Will add more poison to
The blood stream defiled already,
And thwart God's plan for you,

Year after year I've fettered you,
And led you blindly on
Till now you are just a bunch of nerves,
With looks and health both gone.
You're pale and thin, and have a cough—
The doctor says, "T. B."
He says you can't expect to live
Much longer, thanks to me!

But it's to late to worry now;
When you became my slave,
You should have known the chances were
You'd fill an early grave.
And now that I have done my best!
To send your soul to hell,
I'll leave you with my partner, DEATH
He's come for you! FAREWELL!

—Elizabeth Hassell, in Immanuel Missionary.

Disobedience always leads us into troubled waters.

THE CALL OF CHRIST

"Long ago in old Judea,
By the shores of Galilee,
Jesus spake unto the fishers:
'Leave your nets, and follow me.'
Little children, hear the story
Pleading through the ages dim;

Who of you will leave your pleasures,
Take your cross and follow Him?

"Now no more in old Judea
Jesus walketh by the sea;
But He calleth, ever calleth,
'Who will come and follow Me?'
Come to Jesus: time may tarnish
Many a dream of beauty fair;
What He offers fadeth never—
Life eternal over there.

"Over there beyond death's billows,
Eyes of faith can plainly see
The bright mansions where He promised
All His followers should be.
Children, listen to the story,
Peeling through the ages dim;
Jesus loves you! He will save you!
Give up all, and follow Him."

—Selected.

DUTY

Call no duty small. The greatest thing you can do any day is your duty, no matter how small it may be in itself. The will of God takes in all the tasks of the common days. To fail in little things is to fail in doing God's will, and that mars the completeness of the life work.—Selected.

THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

I believe that the Twenty-third Psalm is more misquoted than any other part of the Bible. If I have heard one man I have heard a thousand talk about the "dark valley." But the word "dark" isn't there. It says, "Though I pass through the valley of the shadow of death." Ever see a shadow in the dark? Go down to your cellar tonight without a light and try to see your shadow. The fact that there is a shadow shows that there is a light in the valley. All death can do is to throw his shadow across the place. Shadows never hurt any one. We have nothing to fear.—
D. L. M.

THE CURSE OF INDIFFERENCE

The great cause of God and humanity are not defeated by the hot assaults of the devil, but by the slow, crushing, glacier-like mass of thousands and thousands of indifferent nobodies. God's causes are never destroyed by being blown up, but by being sat upon. It is not the violent and anarchical whom we have to fear in the war for human progress, but the slow, the staid, the respectable, and the danger of their lives lies in their real skepticism. Though it would abhor articulately confessing that God does nothing, it virtually means so by refusing to share manifest opportunities for serving Him.—George Adam Smith.

SELF-DENIAL FUND

Miss Uta Chase	\$10.40
Mrs. Ethel Parker	5.20
Miss Grace Ingram	5.20
Miss Mary Campbell	5.20
Miss Julia Mullen	5.20
Miss Shirley Justason	5.20

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