

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL

Time marches on! How quickly the days roll by. Job put it well when he said they were swifter than a weaver's shuttle. With the passing days goes our record of the work we have done for our Master. God has done great things for us as a Y. P. Association during our past Church year and to Him we give all the praise.

Our rallies, reports of our individual societies, and our Youth Camp endeavour are all encouraging with an increase both numerically and financially and we trust it shall continue to be so as we settle down to work for this new Church year after a summer of God's blessing.

How we need a numerical increase in all our societies this year. We want this increase not that it will look good from a selfish angle and give us a chance to boast about what we have accomplished but we need it for what it will mean to the Kingdom of God. An increase in your local society will mean an increase in the family of God.

Our hearts go out to the masses of young people who are groping in the darkness of sin for a satisfying portion for their souls. And how we as Christian young people desire to see them come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ but we seem to want it to take place by the dozens. Perhaps God would have us win them one by one and if each of us as His children would endeavour to win even one young heart in the coming year what rejoicing there would be among those around the Heavenly throne.

That chorus we sing so often keeps running through my mind as the prayer and motto we as individuals should have for this Y. P. year:

Lord lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me,
And may I faithfully do my part
To win that soul for Thee.

God will surely do His part of this request. Will you earnestly make the request of Him and then do your part?

THREE KINDS OF GIVERS

Some witty person once said: "There are three kinds of givers—the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb."

To get anything out of a flint you must hammer it, and then you get only chips and sparks.

To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze, the more you will get.

But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness.

Some people are stingy and hard; they give nothing away if they can help it.

Others are good-natured; they yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed the more they will give.

A few delight in giving, without being asked at all; and of these the Bible says "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

—London Christian.

YOUTH WITH A PLAN

Jonathan Edwards, the great minister and educator, when 18 said, "If there could be but

one man in the world at one time who was pleasing to God, I would want to be that man." He became one of the world's greatest men, whose influence is still felt.

Spurgeon decided when a small boy to become a preacher. Time did not change his decision. His sermons, both spoken and translated into other languages, reached the entire Christian world.

Judson's ideal as a boy and young man was to become famous as an actor. He became famous and one of the world's greatest men, but in quite a different work. He became a pioneer missionary to Burma.

Livingstone cherished a desire in his teens to go to China as a medical missionary; he studied and planned to that end, but Providence saw to it that he was to plant the cross in the heart of Africa.

James A. Garfield, when a boy, said: "I intend, first of all, to make a man of myself," and his resolve never failed. It was always his ambition to do a little better than others.

Would that young men and boys of today would consider the way their lives are to go and decide to climb to the higher and safer level. In the little poem of John Oxenham there is wonderful advice to all:

"But to every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro;
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go."

—Selected.

I REST UPON THE PROMISE

As doth the sun the morning mist dispel,
So doth Thy love my strife-worn heart
compel

To let the sunlight of Thy wond'rous grace
Light my enshadowed soul's most secret
place.

O, let Thy Spirit's Fire consume the dross,
Else all my life is useless—all is loss!

My strength is naught, my every effort vain,
Until into Thy hands my all is lain.

Surrendered, wholly consecrated, Lord,
I rest upon the promise of Thy Word;

Give now the faith my need doth so require,
And send Thy blessed Pentecostal Fire;

Then may Thy Spirit ever dwell within,
To keep my soul unspotted from all sin.

—DOROTHY CONANT STROUD.

THE ACID TEST

The acid test of a Spirit-filled life will be:
Can you labour on cheerfully without earthly
reward?

Can you toil on hopefully without tangible
returns?

Can you travel the road of frequent criti-
cism without bitterness?

Can you lift and agonize and sacrifice and
pray and give, way down out of sight, while
others lead the procession and then receive
the honours? In other words, are you willing
to be soil in which providential events may
grow, while others fill the places of leaves and
blossoms on the trees of time? —Selected.

BIBLE ARITHMETIC

Take the number of years Solomon reigned (I Kings 11:42); multiply by the number of months Paul visited in Greece after his long stay at Ephesus (Acts 20: 1-3); add the height of the ark in cubits (Gen. 6:15); divide by the distance from Bethany to Jerusalem in furlongs (John 11:18); subtract the number of the winds of heaven (Daniel 7:2).

If you do it correctly, your answer should be the same as the number of toes the giant of Gath had on each foot (Chronicles 20:6).

—Selected.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION . . .

As taught by Wesley

It is nothing higher, and nothing lower than this: the pure love of God and man; the loving God with all the heart and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves. It is love governing the heart and life, running through all our tempers, words and actions. Absolute or infallible perfection I have never contended for. * * * I still say, and without any self-contradiction, I know no folk living who are so deeply conscious of their need of Christ as Prophet, Priest and King, as those who believe to be, cleansed from all sin—I mean from all pride, anger, evil desire, idolatry and unbelief. These very persons feel more than ever their own ignorance, littleness of grace, coming short of the full mind that was in Christ; * * * are more convinced of the insufficiency of all they are, have or do, to bear the eye of God without a Mediator; are more penetrated with the sense of the want of Him than ever before.

It is well that you should be thoroughly sensible of this: the heaven of heavens is love. There is nothing higher in religion. There is, in effect, nothing else. If you look for anything but more love, you are looking wide of the mark. You are getting out of the royal way, and when you are asking others, "Have you received this or that blessing?" if you mean anything but more love, you mean wrong; you are leading them out of the way and putting them upon a false scent. Settle it then in your heart that from the moment God has saved you from all sin, you are to aim at nothing more, but more of that love described in the Thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians.

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