

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### LIVING SACRIFICES

"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1.

We seem to be living in selfish days. Men are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, seeking things for themselves. The church is not exempt from this class of people. The majority of professing Christians of today seem to be putting selfish desires first and the things of God second. Few like to admit it but it is a sad truth.

Well might the warning of Amos be sounded, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." Many today seem to be at ease in their experience with little desire to improve their conditions, little desire to be more like the meek and lowly Jesus who came, "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Many today seem only concerned to save themselves and let others be lost.

But Paul says God wants us as living sacrifices, not dead and useless, but alive, laborers for Him. Not just merely servants of God but we are to be holy and acceptable to God. Not merely to live for God and serve Him but to live Holy and acceptable lives before Him; not merely pleasing to man but pleasing to God.

How many of us seem to take the Word of God too lightly? In Hebrews 2:1 we read: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip." There is danger of being careless, of forgetting God's commands. We profess to love God, but do we love Him supremely? Are we presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service? That is not something extraordinary but only our reasonable service; God's requirement, His standard for all. We cannot give any less and really love God, for if we love Him we will keep His commandments. But there is danger of neglect in many ways. Jesus commands that we watch and pray, not merely to go through the exercise of praying but to be fervent in prayer to God; we cannot grow or even keep alive spiritually if we do not pray. Jesus spent whole nights in prayer, so it seems we have much need of prayer. "How shall we escape if we neglect?" This is a warning not only to unsaved, but to all.

Again we read in Hebrews 4:1, "Let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest any of you should seem to come short of it." Oh, how many people there are who come short of the rest of a clean heart. In the fourth chapter of Hebrews and the tenth verse we read, "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." The rest of sanctification does not mean a rest from service but to cease from seeking our own selfish interests, to cease from worldly things to serve God, and we will have rest in our soul which we cannot have short of a clean heart.

But we notice the beginning of this chapter exhorts us to fear lest a promise being left us, we come short of it. How? By lack of faith and by neglect or carelessness, not necessarily by outward disobedience but by neglect.

How perilous is our journey in this life unless we keep steadily pressing forward, ever looking unto Jesus our only true friend and guide.

"Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians 6:9. What is our duty as a Christian? We find it plainer in the next verse. "As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto the household of faith." Galatians 6:10. This includes love for our enemies. How can we do good to all men unless we love them, and how can we love everyone unless we have a supreme love for God?

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### Y. P. RALLY

The Young People's Rally of District No. 1 was held at Lower Brighton from October 10-13.

During the Rally the speakers were: Lic. Percy Greene, Rev. H. O. McGeorge, Mrs. Kitchen and Mr. Pike.

On Sunday morning the Love Feast was led by Misses Ethel Mullen and Joyce Calhoun.

A business session was held on Saturday afternoon with members from different societies giving reports. The following officers were elected:

President—Ronald Mitchell.

Vice-President—Clifton London.

Secretary—Ethel Mullen.

After this Miss Eileen Flanders gave a very interesting account of the C. Y. S. A. Convention.

On Sunday evening there was one seeker at the altar.

A discussion period was conducted on Monday afternoon under the leadership of Lic. Greene.

The Rally was a great means of blessing and encouragement. The messages were inspirational and helpful. We feel that it was good to be there because the Lord was there.

ETHEL COCHRANE, Reporter

### BILLY SUNDAY'S ESTIMATE OF THE BIBLE

"Twenty-nine years ago with the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridors of the Old Testament art galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music room of the Psalms where the spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the hand of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

"I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life.

"I entered the audience room of the King of kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Thence into the correspondence room with Paul, Peter, James and John writing their Epistles.

"I stepped into the throne room of Revela-

tion where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of the nations in His hands, and I cried out:

'All hail the power of Jesus' Name,  
Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of All.'

—The Watchman Examiner

### WHAT HAVE WE DONE TODAY?

We shall do much in the years to come,  
But what have we done today?

We shall give our gold in princely sum,  
But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,  
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,  
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,  
But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after while,  
But what have we been today?

We shall bring to each life a lovely smile,  
But what have we brought today?

We shall give to truth a grander birth  
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,  
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth;  
But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the bye and bye,  
But what have we sown today?

We shall build us mansions in the sky,  
But what have we built today?

'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,  
But here and now, do we do our task?  
Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,  
What have we done today?

—Selected

### THE REAL TEST

I will not quarrel with you about opinions. Only see that your heart is right toward God; that you know and love the Lord Jesus Christ; that you love your neighbor, and walk as your Master walked, and I desire no more. I am sick of opinions; I am weary to hear them. Give me a solid substantial religion, give me a humble, gentle lover of God and man, a man full of mercy and good fruits, a man laying out himself in the work of faith, the patience of hope, the labor of love. Let my soul be with these Christians, wheresoever they are and whatsoever opinions they are of. Whosoever thus doeth the will of my Father in Heaven, the same is my brother and sister. —John Wesley.

### NEEDLESS FEARS

Fred Scott Shepard

Why grieve for the days that are past—

Their failures, their sin and their shame?  
Christ lovingly says, "I forgive!"

His mercy and pardon then claim.

Why fear what today may bring forth—

What dangers the present may hide?

Christ promises ne'er to forsake,

But ever to walk by your side.

Why dread what the future may hold—

The days which as yet are unknown?

Christ knowing each step of the way

Will shepherd and care for His own.