

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

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### EDITORIAL

#### WHO HAVE I FORGOTTEN?

No doubt the above question will be asked by many people again this Christmas tide. The purchasing of gifts for others always brings the possibilities of forgetting some one. In the bustle and hurry of the last few days before Christmas the mind is taxed almost beyond its limits. There are seemingly so many to remember by way of a gift. Parents think of children, children gather the few cents that they have saved for this important holiday season and visit the store to buy a surprise gift for their parents. Brothers and sisters search around until they find just the thing the other needed. Friends will exchange gifts and once again the happy laughter of Christmas joy will emanate from house to house. Every one will be full of the spirit that Christmas always brings. It is very hard to find an unhappy face on Christmas morning as parcels are unwrapped and hearts are merry. The spirit of Christmas makes for happiness.

Suppose upon waking on December the 25th you suddenly realized that in the haste and rush of things you had forgotten your dearest friend. Wouldn't you feel sad and downcast. Although it was an oversight on your part you imagine his or her face as they find your expected gift to them missing. Your Christmas would have something about it that would make you a little less hilarious than the rest. At the first opportunity you would seek to contact the forgotten one and explain as best you could the reason for your carelessness.

Might we say that many need to ask themselves the question. "Who have I forgotten?" and we believe that many would have to answer, "Jesus Christ!" The indifferent world looks upon the Christian man or woman as a crank sometimes, yet we find that they take advantage of the things that Christianity has brought to the world. They enjoy the Christmas holiday but neglect the Christ. They buy and receive gifts and forget God's gift to the world. They sing carols and some worship in the church, yet never wish to get acquainted with the 'altogether lovely'. To them Christmas means freedom, fun and frolic, instead of fidelity, friendship and faith in the Son of God.

Not only does the world in general forget Jesus Christ, but some Christians at this time of the year are unmindful of the meaning of Christmas. Be it far from me to put a damper on your Christmas spirit, but I must say that you will need to remember your Lord at this time. Give time and attention to Him. Be at the place of worship at the usual time. Make Christmas Sunday a time of Spiritual uplift and benefit to your soul and others. The French Catholics will be at church, why not us who profess to have so much?

I am anxious to have the best Christmas

ever and I believe I shall for I am planning to remember the one who so many forget, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A joyful Christmas to you all.

#### SEASONS GREETINGS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

For some time I have been considering some thought I might leave with you at this Christmas season. Of late I have been thinking of the great grace and strength there was in that babe in the manger.

It is not the customary thing for men to live in moral and spiritual victory. I mean men in general do not enjoy purity both within and without. Some people apparently do not desire it. But there are those who long after and strive for moral purity. Yet the best people in the world, outside of grace, are fighting a losing battle.

You and I know some people who are strong physically, but at the same time they may not be enjoying moral and spiritual victory. Perhaps there are those of our acquaintance who outwardly appear to live upright lives. However if we could get from them a down-to-earth confession we would learn that they are living in inner defeat. In this I am speaking of people who do not know of grace or of the benefits which Jesus Christ imparts to those who believe on Him.

In contrast to this we can find people scattered here and there over the world and in our own communities who can honestly testify to spiritual and moral victory. These people know Jesus Christ. We can become even more personal. We, if we know Jesus in his marvelous fullness, may make the application to the individual who lives in 'our house of clay' and who looks out of our 'windows'. Praise Him!

Now look again at the helpless Babe in the manger. Do you see what He has done for mankind? He has provided for the whole human race what no other individual has ever accomplished, even for himself. He has brought order out of confusion, beauty out of ashes, and victory out of defeat for multitudes of people the world over.

At our camp meeting we sing, "On the Victory Side". This ought to be our Christmas theme and our New Year theme. It ought to be our theme from Christmas to New Year and from New Year to Christmas. In short, it ought to be our theme each consecutive day the year around. Victory in Jesus what a hope for a defeated world!

Shout salvation full and free;

Highest hills and deepest caves;

This our song of victory—

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Yours for victory in 1950,

WILLIAM MORGAN,

President.



#### NO CHRISTMAS STORY FOR HIM

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick will not be able to enjoy the Christmas story as given in the New Testament in the same way as many of us. The following paragraph was written by P. W. Wilson in a review of one of Dr. Fosdick's recent books, "The Man from Nazareth as His Contemporaries Saw Him", New York Times Book Review Section, September 25, 1949.

"Dr. Fosdick is a life time modernist. He has no use at all for the traditional belief in the literal inspiration of the Bible. He ignores traditional interpretations based on ecclesiastical authority. Bluntly he rejects the Christmas stories of the Virgin Birth of Jesus, and he admits—indeed emphasizes—what he considers discrepancies of narrative in the Four Gospels."—Sel.

#### OVERCOMING DAILY

Resist sloth, laxiness, sleeping too long, indulging the flesh. Throw off indifference, coldness, formality, praying just enough to ease the conscience, but not long enough to win any decided victory.

Confess your faults—any unkindness, harshness, critical remarks, lax conversation, giddiness, extravagance, gluttony, shades of untruth, worldliness, carnal pride, vain ambition, unholy thoughts, slackness.

Overcome all tendency of doubt, fear; all infection of the unbelief and defiance of God all around us. Keep faith fresh, love ardent.

—Selected.

#### PROTESTANTS TO RESCUE YULETIDE

"Spiritualization of Christmas will be emphasized by Protestant churches this year," said the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Nearly 150,000 churches will join in the effort to rescue the holidays from "turkey, tinsel and gifts."

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