

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

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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Dear Young People and Junior Crusaders:

How good God has been to you all. I was just thinking of the many helps and Christian interests you have: The Junior Crusader groups, the Y. P. Societies, the D. V. B. S., the Sunday Schools, the Rallies, Beulah and Riverside Camps and the Bethany Bible School, and many other assets to spiritual life and development. You surely have good opportunity to become strong and useful Christians. However, it is not always the number of opportunities that a person has that makes him or her a great Christian: It is decided by how hard you work and pray and live to take advantage of your opportunities that makes real Christian character and usefulness. May the goodness of God not have been wasted on you, as you grow up in the midst of these great opportunities for spiritual growth.

There was a meeting to be held in a native kraal, at our Watervaal outpost, and on the following Sunday I was to have a meeting at another outpost called Xaba. My horse had not been working very hard for some time so I felt quite peppy, so to tame him down a bit I went first to the Xaba kraal and later to the place where we were to have the services that Saturday night and on Sunday too. At Xaba I made arrangements for the next week, and as it was late, I left without having prayers for the people. A small girl of the kraal asked me, "Aren't you having prayers for us before you go? Then what did you come here for?" This little girl has practically none of the above named opportunities. When I have a service there I usually teach them some verse and have a children's meeting for them.

At Watervaal I was able to have a young people's meeting, but most of the young people were preparing to attend an engagement ceremony, in heathen style, so they did not stay for our noon meeting.

In another section we had had a week-end of special meetings, visiting from kraal to kraal. Now as you likely know, a kraal is a group of round huts grouped in a half circle with the round cattle pen, or kraal, in the middle and projecting outward. Each hut is built of small poles and thatched with grass. It forms one room, with a fire place in the centre, also rounded and with one or two poles near the center, forming pillars. Each family has its own such group. Sometimes a man with several married sons will form a large kraal. Sometimes a man with several wives will make himself a large kraal. Each wife needs one hut for a pantry, to keep her corn and pumpkins, etc., in. She must have a kitchen, or hut to cook in, and if possible, a bedroom, a hut to sleep in, so you will understand how they have to make so many huts, which form the kraal.

An unsaved man had come with three or four of his little boys and girls to attend our meeting. They had walked about three miles to get there and now the meeting was over and it was raining. The people were going home. I passed this man, and one of his little children asked me, "When are you coming back?" They had been called on and invited to the meeting and they had come: but when would I get there to have another meeting? I replied that I would like to come back soon,

but did not think that I would be able to because there were so many other places that I had to go to. Generally I call on each outpost in three months. Sometimes I can work a meeting in between.

We have a few people who are interested in the young people and children and a few Y. P. groups are beginning to spring up at our outposts.

I know that you who are interested will pray for these young people and children. May God bless and use you as you do this, and prepare you to be useful in His harvest fields.

Yours happy in Him,

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me"—John 15:26.

Let songs of praise fill the sky,
Christ, our ascended Lord,
Sends down His Spirit from on high
According to His Word:
All hail the day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

The Spirit, by His heav'nly breath,
Creates new life within;
He quickens sinners from the death
Of trespasses and sin:
All hail the day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

The things of Christ the Spirit takes
And shows them unto man:
The fallen soul His temple makes;
God's image stamps again:
All hail the day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

Come, Holy Spirit, from above,
With Thy celestial fire;
O come, with flames of zeal and love
Our hearts and tongues inspire!
Be this our day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost! Amen

TRAGEDY OR TRIUMPH

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren

Saul stood head and shoulders above his fellows. He was chosen of God to be the first king of Israel. He received a new heart, and the spirit of prophecy came upon him. He led his people in triumph.

Impatience when Samuel delayed in coming to offer sacrifice led the once-modest Saul to the presumptuous act of assuming the office of priest himself. Disobedience, covetousness and jealousy followed. An evil spirit possessed him. In his madness he sought to slay David, whose music only could give him comfort. Then he saw his folly and exclaimed, "Behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly." On the night before his death by suicide he was in consort with a witch.

Another Saul, a fierce persecutor of the Christians, met Jesus on the road to Damascus. He surrendered, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" In his arduous toils for his Master he suffered much, but he left as his last testimony, "I have fought a good

fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Tragedy or triumph. So it is for us all. If we choose the way of sin and self-will, we end in tragedy. If we take God's way, the end is triumph. I prefer triumph, don't you?

CHILD EVANGELISM

By Laura DeLong Walker, in "Herald of Holiness"

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:16).

The greatest offense to a child is to fail to evangelize him. It is a lesser calamity to be drowned in the depths of the sea than to offend a child; for Jesus says, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6).

"Can children be 'born again'?" one asks. Indeed they can! Jesus said "whosoever." Adam Clarke and Bishop Simpson were converted at four years of age. Voltaire became an infidel at five years, and is reported to have said, "Give me the first five years of a child's life, and I will cause that child to reject Jesus as a Redeemer and to doubt the very existence of a Creator and God."

I have seen hundreds of boys and girls come to an altar of prayer, and many weeping with a real sorrow for sin, and heard them testify that they knew Jesus had saved them. Some of these proved they had an experience and were received into church membership a few weeks later.

In my one-week crusades—usually an hour after school lets out—I offer, the first day, a reward to each boy and girl who brings another one the next day, giving them a cardboard fish or balloon for each one they bring. I have had as many as thirty in one week attend these services who did not attend Sunday school anywhere. What a challenge to the church.

I find they like to sing choruses with action; and if the story for the day is dramatized a bit so they can picture in their mind the scene and characters, they will fairly "eat it up," and there will be no trouble regarding discipline. The first few days I talk about sin and awfulness. Toward the end of the week the altar is opened, and by this time they realize their own need and that sin is in their hearts. No one is urged to come to the altar, but they come voluntarily.

My messages are always illustrated by felt-o-graph or objects, thus making a more lasting impression.

Let us gather the lambs into the fold. May we build our programmes with a child in the midst.

One thousand trained missionaries for Asia and the Orient in the next ten years was the challenge issued to the Protestant churches by John H. Reisner, executive secretary of Agricultural Missions, Inc. Mr. Reisner has just returned to the States from a seven-month tour of the Orient in behalf of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.—Sel.