

"Let no man despise thy youth,
but be thou an example . . ."
I Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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"Thanks Be Unto God For His Unspeakable Gift."

EDITORIAL

Always Headlines

A well-known author has written a story about Christ which he has dared to call "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Many are satisfied to concur with Fulton Oursler's evaluation. If the story of Christ is worthy to be called the greatest story, then it appears that the birth of Christ is worthy to be called the greatest event of history.

No event has been of such universal interest. He is "the desire of all nations." He alone can fulfill the needs which all people have in common: the need of salvation, peace, fellowship and love. He is the greatest boon to international understanding. No country can claim Him, but all can own Him. In practically every land and island of the sea there are those who would arise and call Him blessed.

No event has so revolutionized society, because no one has thus transformed millions of lives and enlightened every continent. Of no one but Him has it been said that he was "the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." A fact recorded in one of J. B. Chapman's books is one of many testimonies to the transforming power of the Light of the World: "In 1859 a man could be bought for seven dollars in the Fiji Islands to be butchered and eaten. Today there is a Bible in every home, and on Sunday nine out of ten people assemble for worship." "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

No event has received such widespread and long-lived publicity. No birth has been as generally celebrated and as faithfully remembered across centuries. Every year the event becomes headlines again, for the event is of as great significance today as centuries ago. Unlike Victoria, Lincoln, and Laurier, this great Leader lives on. He is still the hope of the world; He is still the Saviour of His people.

As His blessings are as real today as they have ever been, then may His birth be as significant to us this Christmas as when we first heard the good news: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

C. E. S.

BE SURE

To read Mary Campbell's letter. Let's do our best to provide our missionaries with some of the material requested. Look around your church for unused Sunday School material. The suggestion about greeting cards is timely, because you will be receiving some at this time. After Christmas offer them to your young people's president or missionary society president to send to Africa.

Miss Campbell's address is:

Altona M. S., P. O. Delfkom
Via Piet Retief, Transvaal

A Christmas Meditation

Jesus Christ was born in the meanest circumstances, but the air above was filled with the hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His lodging was a cattle pen, but a star drew distinguished visitants from afar to do Him homage.

His birth was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. No miracle is so inexplicable as His life and teaching.

He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for 5,000 and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on the waters and they supported Him.

His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, but, on God's side, no lower price than His infinite agony could have made possible our redemption. When He died, few men mourned: but a black crepe was hung over the sun. Though men trembled not for their sins, the earth beneath shook under the load. All nature honored Him; sinners alone rejected Him.

Three years He preached His Gospel. He wrote no book; built no church, had no money back of Him. After 1,900 years, He is the one central character of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the events of the age revolve, the only Regenerator of the human race.

Was it merely the son of Joseph and Mary who crossed the world's horizon 1,900 years ago? Was it merely human blood that was spilled on Calvary's hill for the redemption of sinners and which has worked such wonders in men and nations through the centuries?

What thinking man can keep from exclaiming:

"My Lord and my God."

—By Keith L. Brooks

IF I HAD NOT COME

"If I had not come," the Master said;

And, oh, have you ever thought at all
What it would have meant for this world of men

If He had not come to Bethlehem's stall!

For the bells would have rung no Christmas chimes,

The old, old Story had ne'er been told,
And the angels' Song had been silent all

If He had not come to this earth of old.

Let the love that brought Him to earth of old

Lead us like Him to service true;

And so shall our Christmas be like Christ's

And our Christian lives be Christlike, too.

—A. B. Simpson

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

EVERYWHERE

M. W. Bagley, R.B.Y.P.A. Pres.

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A Christmas Letter

From Mary Campbell, S. A.

Dear Young People:

Your Assistant Corresponding Secretary wrote me in behalf of the young people. Thank you.

Another Christmas and New Year will soon be here. May you one and all enjoy much blessing from the Lord this Christmas. May the Christ whose birthday we celebrate mean much more to each one of you as individuals than He ever did before. Too, may the year 1954 be the best year ever experienced in the history of our denomination.

So much has taken place since October 25, 1952, that it scarcely seems possible that I have been to Canada at all.

The young people's work and the Sunday School work here offer a real challenge. We could easily put a whole army of young people to work in just this one field, but we don't have them. Children find the Lord in our Sunday Schools and D. V. B. S., and some of them never turn back. One of our problems is material. If your different societies would only send material to the different missionaries, myself included, you would be helping more than you realize. Don't forget, too, to save up and collect greeting cards. We never have too many of them. Too, are you making plastic bags? Make them at least a foot square.

God richly bless you one and all! I am so glad I have a Saviour who saves me just now. Praise Him! The Spirit abides within.

Yours for souls,

MARY CAMPBELL

ST. JOHN SOCIETY REPORT

The Saint John Young People's Society is happy to report that we are having a good year. The Lord has been with us.

Our president plans an interesting and helpful service each week. Monday evening finds us praising God in song and testimony. We feel that we are growing spiritually.

Each young person who has come to know Christ personally has the desire to win others. We pray that God will help us to be real soul winners.

Perhaps you would be interested to know our officers. They are:

President—Doreen Hayes.

Vice-President—Blake Hayes.

Secretary—Linda Young.

Treasurer—Walter Hayes.

Self-Denial Treasurer—Arlene Rideout.

Social Committee: Phyllis Hayes, Jean Hayes, Paul Inman.

A few weeks ago many of our young people attended the district rally at Sussex. There we met other young people who had found Christ as Savior. We were encouraged to do our best for our Master.

As the Christmas season comes, we will remember that it was for our salvation the Lord was born into this world. Praise God for His plan of salvation that saves all that will come unto God by faith.

Phyllis Hayes, Reporter

The King's Highway