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## EDITORIAL

### NEGLECTED LAMBS AND LOST SHEEP

By Rev. B. C. Cochrane  
(Contributing Editor)

It is estimated that 80% of the children in our Sunday Schools leave the church in teenage unsaved. That is a terrific loss! We give much emphasis to seeking the lost sheep while some of the very ones we seek might be safe within the fold if we had been more attentive to them while they were lambs. Neglected lambs will become straying sheep. Lacking the care and guidance so readily accepted in earlier years, our adolescents become wandering worldlings.

Why do we not more carefully seek and more earnestly press for the salvation of our children? The hearts of the juniors are usually very responsive to the appeals of the Gospel, and surely they are capable of decisions and experiences that are solid and scriptural. Some of the greatest saints and servants of the church were saved at five, seven, or nine years of age.

We have revival meetings with special prayer and effort for the salvation of the unsaved adults. We promote youth meetings with special plans and hopes for the salvation of the young people. Why not a special effort designed specifically to lead the children to Christ? We would probably realize twice as much by way of results with half as much expense and labour.

We rely too much on the general good the children may receive through the attendance at church, Sunday School, children's meetings, etc. We need to be definite in our objectives for the little ones. Every means that is proper and useful, every agency that will lend assistance, should be used to advantage to lead the little ones to the Saviour. Nor should we be satisfied until we have good reason for believing that salvation has become a matter of heart experience with them. And after the child is led to the Lord, there is the great and important task of feeding the lambs. Nearly all the spiritual food provided in many of our churches is strictly sheep food. It is too heavy for the lambs. They can neither relish nor digest it. Have you thought of how poorly you would fare as a Christian if you, as an adult, had no more by way of a definitely helpful ministry directed your way than the children do? It's wonderful to see children

born strong and healthy, but it's tragic to see those same children suffering and dying for want of proper nourishment. More tragic still to see little ones who have responded to the Gospel call and testified with shining faces that they had accepted Christ as Saviour, dying spiritually because the church has not been wise enough and attentive enough in giving proper care to the lambs of the flock.

Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me . . ." and "He took them up in His arms, and blessed them." Special concern for the salvation of the children and special care for their spiritual welfare will bring rich rewards to any church.

## THIS ISSUE OF THE HIGHWAY

This special issue of the Highway is largely the result of a special effort by Miss Ruth Harding. We have been pleased to co-operate with her, but the real work in preparing and obtaining the articles has been done by her, and we feel she has done a fine job. Several of the articles were written by her.

Since we have been somewhat on the sick list, we have been unable to prepare editorials, but we do wish to thank Miss Harding for her fine work, and to appeal to our pastors and churches to read this paper prayerfully and profitably. Let the many appeals stir us to new action. They ought to lead to a forward movement in our work among the girls and boys.

E.W.T.

A word once let slip can never be brought back. Let us pray God to set a watch before our lips, and say with David: "I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress."

However matters go, it is our happiness to win new ground daily in Christ's love, and to add conquest to conquest.—Samuel Rutherford.

## PRAYER REQUESTED FOR REV. CHARLES SANDERS

A letter from Mrs. Charles Sanders states that her husband has been ordered to rest in bed for at least three months, due to a very small lesion being found in the left lung. He is to go to Roseway Hospital as soon as a bed is available. At present he is resting at home.

We are sure that our people will give themselves to prayer for Brother Sanders, remembering also his wife and family.

Their address is: 39 Huntingdon St., Yarmouth, N. S.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Special prayer is requested for Miss Rita McGeorge. She is to undergo a serious operation about April 7th.

## Dr. P. WISEMAN CALLED HOME

We received word today, March 28th, that Dr. Peter Wiseman went to be with the Lord this morning. His passing was sudden and unexpected. He preached last night. We request prayer for Mrs. Wiseman and the other sorrowing loved ones.

## JUST A CHILD

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children really important? Isn't the Sunday School sufficient to meet the child's need? Do we have sufficient funds to finance this Junior Crusade? These are but a sampling.

I hasten to answer that a child can be saved. Matthew 18 teaches us that Jesus came to save children and it is not his will that any should perish. I have witnessed the salvation of many boys and girls who were genuinely converted. One of the teachers at our own Bethany Bible College was saved when but a child and still gives testimony to that experience.

Our children must be reached. The Sunday School is playing a large role in gathering boys and girls in to hear the message of God and ultimately come into the fellowship of the Christian Church. But the Sunday School has not been able to do all that needs to be done. One hour per week is not sufficient to teach youngsters the Bible truths and clearly present God's plan of salvation for them. Vacation Bible School is an important phase of our child evangelism program, but even this, important as it is, cannot take the place of week-day instruction and help.

When regular classes in Sunday School, weekday Bible club, and Vacation Bible School are all an integrated part of a child's life we can be sure that child will have his interest centered in the church. It is far easier to hold a child for God than it is to loan him to the devil for awhile and then try to win him back.

Our children are priceless. No cost is too great when their religious instruction is involved.

Let's band together and press forward in winning these little ones for our Saviour. It will take patience, money, a love of youngsters, and a definite prayer burden if our youth is saved from Satan's snares. Will YOU do your part?

Dear Lord, I do not ask that Thou  
Should'st give me some high work of  
Thine,  
Some noble calling, or some wondrous  
task,

Give me a little hand to hold in mine:  
Give me a little child to point the way  
O'er the strange path that leads to Thee:  
Give me a little voice to teach to pray,  
Give me two shining eyes Thy face to see.  
The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to wear  
Is this: That I may teach a little child.  
I do not ask that I may ever stand  
Among the wise, the worthy, or the great;  
I only ask that softly, hand in hand,  
A child and I may enter Heaven's Gate.

## GOALS FOR 1955-1956

1. 50 JUNIOR CRUSADER CLUBS throughout the denomination.
2. One or more JUNIOR CRUSADER CLUBS in every local church.
3. 100 children led to Christ through JUNIOR CRUSADER CLUBS.
4. A JUNIOR CRUSADER CAMP.

WITH GOD'S HELP  
WE CAN DO IT.

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