

YOUTH CAMP—AN ASSET

By Rev. K. E. Gorman

We are living in an age when there are more and more things of the world to attract the attention of our young people. Quite often during the summer many young people see very little of church, Sunday School, or any religious influence. The vacation trips, summer camps, sports, part-time employment tend to rob the young person of the proper spiritual training.

A strong program of Youth Camps, Vacation Bible Schools, Camp Meetings is what is needed to assure the boys and girls a well-rounded vacation with religious benefit. Parents and churches should not neglect the excellent opportunity of reaching the young people through the medium of the Youth Camp.

True, Youth Camps cost time, effort, and money. But if one is consecrated to God, then his time and money belong to God and the effort will be rendered joyfully as "unto the Lord."

Many parents feel that \$10.00 is too much to pay for their son or daughter to attend one of our church camps. It might be well to remember that it may cost a great deal more than \$10.00 if they do not attend. It would not hurt either to state that the writer knows of a Y. M. C. A. Camp where the fee is \$2.00 per day and where the spiritual side of things is not stressed.

Every young person deserves a trip to Youth Camp. The wholesome recreation, courses of Bible study, fellowship with others, and supervised vacation will mould character to the glory of God. The impression made upon such young minds will be unforgettable.

THE SCRIPTURES HAVE NOW APPEARED IN 1,092 LANGUAGES

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,092 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1955, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. Eight new languages have been added to the list since the last report.

Languages in which the whole Bible has been published 207.

Languages in which the whole New Testament has been published 265.

Languages in which at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published 620.

Total languages in which some part of the Bible has been published 1,092.

There are some 80 languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared.—Conquest.

WISE WORDS

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold . . . by humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life."

—Proverbs 22:1-4

CONFESSION

Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears—
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy—wise and strong,
I know you can."
Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head,
"O God, make me a child
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

—Author Unknown

PROGRESS

Some objected, "There were no such meetings when I came into the society first; and why should there now? I do not understand these things, and this changing one thing after another continually." It was easily answered: "It is a pity but they had been at first. But we knew not then either the need or the benefit of them. Why we use them, you will readily understand, if you read over the rules of the society. That with regard to these little 'prudential' helps we are continually changing one thing after another, is not a weakness or fault, as you imagine, but a peculiar advantage which we enjoy. By this means we declare them all to be merely prudential, not essential, not of divine institution. We prevent, so far as in us lies, their growing formal or dead. We are always open to instruction; willing to be wiser every day than we were before, and to change whatever we can change for the better.

JOHN WESLEY,

A Plain Account of the People Called Methodists

GRATITUDE

If you saved a man's life, would you expect him to be grateful? You might—but Samuel Leibowitz, who was a famous criminal lawyer before he became a judge, saved seventy-eight men from going to the electric chair. How many of these men, do you suppose, stopped to thank Samuel Leibowitz, or even took the trouble to send him a Christmas card? How many? Guess . . . That's right—none.

Dale Carnegie,

How to Stop Worrying, and Start Living

TRY RELIGION!

Horace Greeley once received a letter from a woman stating that her church was in distressing financial straits. They had tried all sorts of devices—fairs, festivals, suppers, mock marriages, and socials. Would he suggest something to keep their struggling church from disbanding?

The editor wrote back, "Why not try religion?"

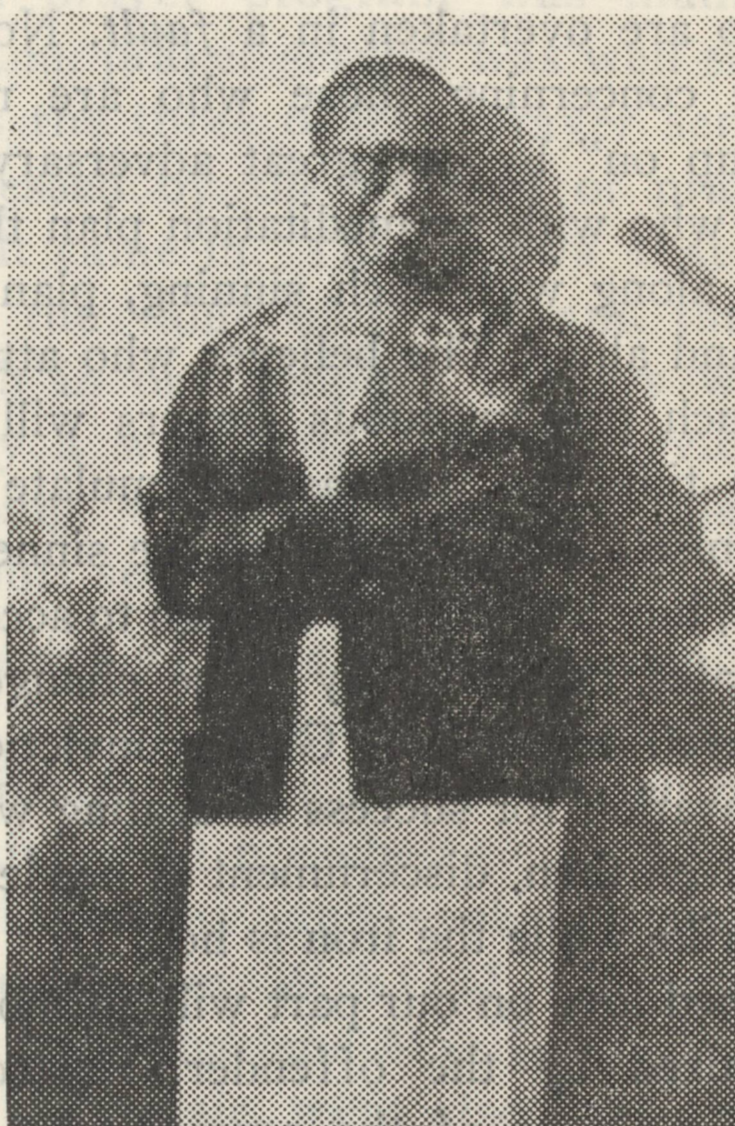
E. B. Edgar,

in The Readers Digest

HOW TO WIN SOULS AS A TEACHER

Whilst I was young, 6 years of age, I liked teaching. I would collect other children and teach them, but I didn't know what it meant at that time. From there my aim was that I wanted to be a teacher when I am old.

The Lord gave me this occupation. There are many ways of winning souls as a teacher. Firstly, is by applying Scripture verses in each and every lesson you are teaching, before each lesson starts a teacher should read a verse, briefly explain it, and pray. Many souls are won in this way. When a child is away at home one or more pupils will think of that verse, by God's power this child can accept the Lord whilst he is by himself.



Miss Florence Bembe

At school during the assembly time souls can be won by carefully prepared messages. As we know that in a year we have two great holidays, Easter and Christmas. During Easter a wonderful programme in which our Lord can be exalted can be done by a teacher to show people how great love He had to come and die for us. Hymns can be sung which show how He died for us, e. g., "Were you there when they crucified my Lord." There are many other songs which can be sung. After the programme invitation can be given asking those who would accept the Lord who loved them so much that He was hanged on the tree, Who came from a heavenly home to be poor in this world, people of this world didn't like Him, but He persevered for their souls, that they should not perish but have everlasting life. In this way too, souls can be won.

During Christmas another tremendous programme can be done. Where our Lord can be seen by people, and to see that He was poor for our sake. After this, invitation can be given asking those who would like Christ to be born in their hearts.

Sometimes they can send revivals to other kraals testifying about what the Lord has done for them, many other souls who are listening can be won by hearing young people giving burning testimonies about the Lord.

Blessed is the teacher that shineth for the Lord in the community for at the end he will be able to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." As Paul said in II Tim. 4:7-8.

Yours in the Lord,

Florence Bembe

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GET OUT THE SCISSORS

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vin, Wesley, and other men of God were the objects of all kinds of evil reports. We know this, and yet the evil goes right on.

Many years ago in France a woman went to her parish priest confessing to telling untruths about her neighbors and wanting to make amends. The priest told her to take a pillow, go up into the church tower, and toss the feathers to the wind. She did so, and when she returned, he asked her to describe what had happened. Then he said, "Now you must gather up every feather and put it back into the pillow." She protested, "But it is impossible." He replied, "No more impossible than for you to track down and destroy every untruth you have told about your neighbors."

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" (Exod. 20:16). That means you and me. Never mind the other party. A great many of us need to have our gossiping tongues trimmed down to size.

"What I say goes, and I've found

On some of my excursions

It goes endlessly around

In quite a lot of versions."

Gossip, someone has said, is something that goes in both ears and comes out of the mouth greatly enlarged.

Why do we gossip? At times it is done ignorantly. We hear a story which sounds plausible, so we pass it on, not knowing that it is not true. We need to check on the authenticity of a statement before we buzz it over the telephone wires. Better still, let us not buzz at all.

Some people gossip just because they enjoy talking. They have "talkitis." Talking gives them a certain satisfaction. They enjoy being the first to report news.

Often gossip is prompted by jealousy. Someone gets ahead of us, and we can't stand it. So we start little whisperings about him. In all of this there is lack of regard for truth and lack of love for our fellow man. The Christian religion teaches us to love one another in our speech as well as otherwise.

A minister was approached by a busybody who wanted to tell about the wrongdoings of a man in the church. The minister turned to her and asked, "Does anyone else know this besides you?" "No," was the answer. "Then," said the wise minister, "go home and hide it at the feet of Jesus, and never speak of it again unless God leads you to speak to the man himself. If the Lord wants to bring a scandal upon His church, let Him do it, but don't you be the instrument to cause it."

Take that gossip to the Lord in prayer. Ask Him to help that needy person solve problems. It is well for us to remember that mansions in the sky cannot be built out of mud thrown at others.

Cancel every unkind word with a good one if possible. Town boys were talking about another boy. One said, "He is slow in games." "Yes," replied the other, "but he always plays fair." "He's so stupid in school," said the first. "But he always studies hard," answered the second.

Suppose the next time we hear an unkind word, we try to cancel it by putting a kind one in its place. Let us talk about the good things people do. Let us pick out the good things about the church for our conversation. That would be Christ's way.

Are our tongues too long? If so, let us get

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out the scissors and start trimming our tongues down to the size Christ would want them to be. Every day let us pray the prayer of the psalmist, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psa. 19:14).

'T WAS A SHEEP

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went astray
In the parable Jesus told;
'Twas a grown up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety and nine in the fold.
And out on the hill-tops and out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep that the good shepherd sought;
And back to the flock, and back to the fold,
'Twas a sheep that the good Shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for still today?
Because there is danger if they go wrong
They will lead the lambs astray,
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever they wander, wherever they go.

If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they;
So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

Mrs. Ida Bishop, Ottawa
—Selected.

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OVERTAKEN

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those who have the keeping of souls. Pastors and ministers must, of course, rebuke the fallen, but when they see that the fallen are sorry they are to comfort them. "Brethren," he says, "if any man be overtaken with a fault, do not aggravate his grief, do not scold him, but lift him up and gently restore his faith. If you see a brother despondent over a sin he has committed, run up to him, reach out your hand to him, comfort him with the gospel, and embrace him like a mother. He must be dealt with in a spirit of meekness and not in a spirit of severity. A repentant sinner is not to be given gall and vinegar."

And the beloved John Wesley makes these remarks on this same text:

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken"—By surprise, ignorance, or stress of temptation, ye who are spiritual—Who continue to walk by the Spirit, restore such a one, By reproof, instruction, or exhortation. Everyone who can ought to help herein; only is the spirit of meekness. This is essential to a spiritual man. And in this lies the whole force of the cure: considering thyself—the plural is beautifully changed into the singular. Let each take heed to himself; lest thou also be tempted—temptation easily and swiftly passes from one to another; especially if a man endeavors to cure another without preserving his own meekness."

Thus we have seen what the scriptures say, what two of the greatest commentators say, and what two of the greatest religious reformers say about Paul's words to the churches of Galatia. Surely it is our duty and our joy to "Rescue the perishing and care for the the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave." Rewards come here and hereafter!

GOD, OUT-POURED

The Hebrew word "El-Shaddai" signifies the "All sufficient God." The original word signifies an exhaustless fountain that pours itself out in everlasting fullness, without stint, without limit, without the possibility of being exhausted. The root word is used in various ways, as, for instance, sometimes it signifies a mother's breast supplying an abundance of milk for the infant; and it also is used to signify a great spring that never runs dry gushing from the mountain side.

The word could also be translated "the out-poured God," corresponding to the idea of Pentecost, the outpouring of the fullness of the Holy Ghost from the ascended Jesus, for Jesus is the infinite Fountain, and out of Him is poured the everlasting river of the Holy Ghost.

Now, put this name, "El-Shaddai," the "All-sufficient God," the "out-poured God," in connection with the words, "Walk before me, and be thou perfect," showing that Abram had not strength in himself to accomplish such a thing or to enter such a life, but that every step of that walk was to be attended by The Divine River, this out-poured Fountain, this everlasting presence of the "El-Shaddai." —Geo. Watson.

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gospel message. Facilities provided.

If we only had a man! The right man! A man willing to sacrifice, to spend and be spent. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are so few.