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— Editorials —

WHILE IT IS DAY!

A New Year has dawned. The "swiftly passing years" bear us onward. And the days of service slip from us. How much longer do we have to labour for God and souls?

1961 may be an epochal year in the world's history. International relations are strained and an atmosphere of insecurity creates concern in the hearts of thoughtful people. We have been told that the world was on the very verge of nuclear warfare at one point in 1960.

For a very large number of people, 1960 was the last year of life in this world. The night came on very suddenly and unexpectedly for many. And if the year 1961 runs its full course, a host of people will answer the summons to appear in the presence of God.

While daylight lasts, we must work. The salvation of a loved one or friend, the evangelization of the masses of our country and other lands, may be more urgent than we realize. If we knew the shortness of time for the persons for whom we are concerned, or even for the world itself, we would pray more earnestly, live more carefully, work more faithfully.

There is work to be done in '61! The fields are white unto harvest. Let us then lift our eyes from things earthly and temporal to things spiritual and eternal, and pray for a new zeal in the service of God and in behalf of the souls of men. We must "work while it is day for the night cometh."

JANUARY—HIGHWAY MONTH

In this first month of 1961 pastors and people of our churches, readers and friends of our King's Highway, are asked to join hands in an intensive effort to promote the interest in this periodical that is a vital communication link between our churches and our people, and an outlet for the spreading of scriptural holiness.

A Publications with limited circulation and without income from advertising have a struggle to survive. Many such papers and magazines have gone out of circulation. We have had our problems in keeping the ministry of this paper active.

How can we help to make this social effort a success?

First, by seeing to it that a Highway agent is appointed in each church.

Second, by sending renewal or subscription arrears payments in to our Highway business manager, either through the appointed agent, or directly.

Third, by seeking to enlist new subscribers, by canvassing prospects or by subscribing for a friend.

I am certain that we appreciate the ministry of our King's Highway. It could be a great loss to our work if its ministry were discontinued. The special emphasis and effort in the interest of our church paper, being directed by Rev. S. E. Cameron, will surely have strong support throughout our church and beyond the borders of our denominational constituency.

EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

by A. D. Cann*

"There is the possibility of substituting evangelism for Christian education in evangelical churches," stated Dr. Harold Mason to a class of pastors and students. "Evangelicals place emphasis upon public evangelism but sometimes neglect the teaching and discipline that is essential for building lasting results," he asserted.

Evangelism is of supreme importance but it must be supported by a strong program of Christian education. The church school and evangelism go hand in hand.

Our revival campaigns are sometimes weak because the church has lacked a proper build up. Often our Sunday Schools are not geared to evangelism. As a consequence, instead of reaching new blood, we have done well to replace the losses of previous campaigns. Is there no help for this annual leakage in our program?

Yes, there is an answer. That answer is found at least in part by strengthening evangelism and Christian education in the Sunday School. There is the possibility of our Sunday Schools having a more vital place in the spiritual life of our churches. Sunday School teachers have a far more important task than many of us realize. Says Dr. Mason of Asbury Seminary — "Pastors teach and preach through their Sunday School teachers." If the teachers fail then it reflects upon the pastor and results in a break down of the church program.

The Sunday School is a point of contact between the saved and the unsaved. This contact is at all age levels, adolescence being the most important. The contact needs to be outside the church as well as in it. At this point youth are making the most important decision in life — will I, or will I not, be a Christian?

At this age level the Sunday School Superintendent and the Sunday School teacher must count no price too great to win and hold the youth for Christ. To win at this point is to have a life for Christ. To lose at this point is to lose a life for Christ and the possibility of losing a soul in Hell.

Generally speaking, the adolescent is the easiest to reach for Christ, but probably the most difficult to hold. He is neither a child nor a man, but part of both. Here the teacher must go the second mile if he is to achieve results. Some accept defeat without trying, others try, but do not try enough, while a few follow the example of the Good Shepherd Who seeks until He finds.

With a well-planned program of evangelism in the Sunday School, we will find greater interest, greater challenge and a greater School. Every local School should have at least from two to four Sundays a year with an invitation to receive Christ as Saviour. In some cases the appeal can be made by the pastor, while in other cases it might be better for the teacher. More often an evangelist is best suited for this task. In any case the Sunday School is a real mission field and we need to be alert to its possibilities.

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