

# EDITORIAL - WATCH - PRAY

In our last editorial we considered the first proposition of Jesus with regard to preparation for His Kingdom. We must Watch. Let us now consider this second proposition — Pray.

In the second place, Jesus gives a requirement which directs our hearts heavenward. Watch and pray. This is not a secondary requirement. Note Jesus said watch and pray. One requirement cannot be divorced from the other. A sentinel of an army does not attack the enemy alone. He signals the Commanding Officer and lets him plan the attack. So Christians ought not to fight temptation and other evils alone. True watchfulness lies in observing the approach of the evil one and telling God of it in prayer. Let him plan the attack.

It has well been said, "He who prays and watches not is like a man who sows seed and allows hogs to go into the field and root it up. While he who watches and prays not is like a guard who tries to defeat the enemy alone without notifying the Commanding Officer.'

Jesus said watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. It seems to me that Jesus was saying here. "pray while you watch, this will help you keep from falling into temptation". This is like keeping an anchor watch on board of a ship. A certain sailor was placed on an anchor watch the first night at sea. A storm arose and the ship was at anchor. There was danger of the ship drifting. The sailors job was to sound the alarm if the ship dragged her anchor. Many times he went forward and put his hand on the chain to see if the anchor was dragging. Sometimes in the night he would be startled by strange sounds and he would go forward and feel the chain only to discover the anchor was holding firm. Young people, you may sometimes become afraid in the hour of your temptation and trial. May I suggest that you keep an anchor watch. Watch and pray is the slogan Jesus gives for a victorious life. So let us cultivate the watchfulness of prayer and the prayerfulness of watching, that we might be prepared for His coming.

> Oh watch and fight and pray, The battle ne'er give o'er, Renew it boldly every day, And help divine implore.

Forget the things that are behind; forget injuries, slights, unkind words; be too big to be hurt; be too great to be unkind; be too busy to quarrel; too wise to engage in unseemly gossip; too strong to permit little annoyances to turn you from life's big road; too clean to stain your character with any kind of muckraking.

We may always be sure, whatever we are doing,

## YOUTH RALLY 1963

Our Young People will be thrilled to know that Rev. Quentin J. Everest of South Bend, Indiana, will be the speaker at the Annual Youth Rally, May 17-19, 1963. Mr. Everest was the speaker at last year's rally and his messages were most challenging and helpful to our youth. May it please the Lord to give us a wonderful rally again this year.

All young people are reminded that there will be a registration fee of \$3.00 per person this year. Merle Smith

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### Social and Moral Reform

(Continued from Page 6) Christian Church in general, "The Church has become so worldly and the world so Churchy that you can hardly tell one group from the other."

In conclusion, let us remind you that there are some things that we just cannot do, namely: "sow bad habits and reap a good character": sow crime and get away with it; and sow neglect of body and soul and expect to reap happiness in this life and in the life hereafter.

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and the witness of prayer. TEENAGERS AND WITNESS-

that we cannot be pleasing God if we are unhappy ourselves.

-John Ruskin

## LOOKING FOR Y.P. PROGRAMS?

The Young People's Association has purchased a Christian Teenager's Spiritual Life Kit which is available for your use in Y.P. services. The kit consists of four fullcolour 35mm. filmstrips with a 33-1/3 r.p.m. record and a manual to accompany each. The kit provides material for four services. The topics are: TEENAGERS AND THE BIBLE . . . how the Bible can enrich and undergird their lives, help them maintain high standards of conduct and witness to others. TEENAGERS AND PRAYER ..... purpose and possibilities of prayer, things to pray for

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ING . . . . reasons for witnessing and ways to witness. TEENAGERS AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY . . . . how to put Christ and Church first.

If you have a filmstrip machine and a record player available for Y.P. use, this Kit will provide interesting and profitable material for your services. Write to Mrs. Glen McCrea, Box 10, MILLTOWN, N. B. and make arrangements for borrowing this Kit. (rental fee \$2.00)

