

YOUTH WITH VISION

PLANNING FOR REWARDS

Rewards are stimulating to young people. Rewards help us to feel a sense of achievement. The simple expression of appreciation for services rendered is in itself rewarding. The sense of achieving something worthwhile stimulates one to seek for better things.

Too often we live and labour taking rewards only if and when they come. We often fail to plan for them. Some time ago a child in a primary grade in school was colouring a picture. She coloured each part with utmost care. She left only a small square at the top which was not coloured. When she thought her picture was complete she took it to her teacher. The teacher was quick to recognize the excellence of the child's work. Calling the child by name the teacher said, "This is wonderful, but why did you not colour this little square at the top?" The child promptly replied with eager expectation, "That, Teacher, is the place for my star."

By example, this child set a pattern which we might all do well to follow. What she was really saying is this, "I always put my best into my work because I want it to be worthwhile. If it is worthwhile, there will be rewards." Jesus calls and challenges young people to put their best into their work. He is not concerned primarily with how quickly we do our work. He may not even be concerned with how much work we do. He is concerned with how well we do it.

The Bible is full of examples of men and women receiving rewards from God for faithful service. The performance of Jesus brought words of approval from God with the expression of the Spirit "... In Whom I am well pleased."

There is an opportunity to excel in whatever vocation we choose. We may not do as well as our neighbour. Our classmate may have better marks in school. We may not be able to sing like someone else. If we are doing our best, that is all God expects. There is coming a day when our best will be tried before God. If that day were today, would we get a "star"? The little girl got what she planned for.

Young people, plan for rewards in living for God. There is a sure reward for all who faithfully serve Him. The key to success is not in imitating others. Success is found by seeking God's will and doing it. Finding God's will and doing it assures us of an earthly as well as an eternal reward.

W. G.

REV. H. R. INGERSOLL TO AFRICA MARCH 23rd

Rev. H. R. Ingersoll flies to Africa March 23rd. Pray for the success of this important visit to our African Church. The need for a better understanding of our missionary operation has been a concern for many years. The Young Peoples Association should be congratulated for their vision and enthusiasm in sponsoring this forward move.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

Bethesda Mission Station
Rhodesia
January 22, 1965

Dear Highway Friends,

Considerable time has passed since our last letter to you. During this time we have seen a continued increase in our medical work in Rhodesia and, speaking of our Rhodesian church work generally, there appears to have been a deepening spiritual tone. Personally, we have had the joy of adding a new member to our family, Storer William, Jr., and we have passed through adversity in the form of illness which made it necessary for the doctor to return to the homeland for surgery in October. We would like to say at this point how much we have appreciated your prayer for our work during this time of illness and your praying for us personally. Your thoughtfulness expressed in cards and letters of encouragement has meant a great deal to us.

Our average in-patient attendance during this past year at Bethesda Hospital was 58 patients daily. At the time of the doctor's return in mid-December, the numbers had dwindled somewhat, December being a relatively healthy month and the critically ill having been removed some distances to other hospitals. Activities quickly accelerat-

ENEMIES OF THE STATUS QUO

If ever there was a day when the Church of Jesus Christ ought to be on the offensive it is today. Many churches in the Christian world have become familiar with a new expression and a grim experience, "Status Quo". The church of yesterday without all the benefits we find in our favour did a work for God that really struck a blow against the forces of darkness. How tragic that the most materially prosperous and talented church the world has ever known has become content, or at least reconciled to just holding our own. Yet by times there are things that threaten the even balance or status quo of the church today.

A true missionary vision is a mortal enemy of the status quo. When we receive a true missionary vision we will never again be content to rest until we are doing something about the condition of a lost world. The hearts of our spiritual forefathers would never have been content to rest while a door of opportunity was open to them.

An up-to-date prayer life is another enemy that will do everything in its power to defeat the status quo. We cannot pray for the cause of missions long if we are in earnest without taking some vital part in the extension of God's Kingdom. How often has been the case that God has used the man that prayed to change the circumstance. While there are many enemies that we could list, allow us one more that will never rest until the Gospel is preached in every land, until every soul has heard the Good News of Salvation.

The Spirit of Sacrifice is an arch enemy of the status quo. While there are still men and women that will sacrifice, the status quo can never stand. As long as the children of God remain willing to let sacrifice be part of their lives, the cause of missions will never cease. While there are still men and women with a vision for the cause of missions, and up-to-date prayer life, and a heart to give sacrificially, the Gospel will be preached to the lost, His Kingdom will be extended and His Will will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Home Missionary Pastor,
Ron Madden

ed again and we have just finished one of the busiest weeks ever put in at Bethesda Hospital with a number of interesting and critical cases.

During January to mid-August, 1964, Mrs. Emmett taught English composition and grammar to grades 6, 7, and 8 in our Bethesda school. As school opens again in January of this year, she will be assisting Mr. Hudson, the principal of the school, with the teaching of class subjects to the grade 7 class.

Our African Church Conference which was followed by our annual Missionary Conference both held at Bethesda just prior to Christmas were a source of spiritual blessing and uplifting.

We had an abundant Christmas climaxed by a bountiful Christmas dinner held at the Haywoods. We wish to thank the many who sent Christmas cards and Missionary Societies and individuals that sent Christmas gifts.

Sincerely in Christian service,
Storer and Wilma Emmett

BETHANY GROUP SCORES HIGH IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

The four contestants from Bethany Bible College received words of praise from the Adjudicator for their excellent performance at the music festival held recently at Yarmouth. Their choice of numbers injected a spiritual note into the program and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The choir sang "Go not far from me, O God", receiving a mark of 89. Dana Miller and Sylvia Fuller sang with great feeling two beautiful numbers and were awarded 89. The Quartet sang the old favorite "The Church in the Wildwood" gaining a mark of 88.

On the final night Miss Pocock was presented with a silver cup and a prize of money for the best performance in the senior group. Congratulations to Miss Pocock and her group of contestants.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The new address of Rev. G. F. D. Kierstead is Hartland, N. B.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. G. F. D. Kierstead on August 24th, a daughter, Deirdre Beth Hilda.

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