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Huancayo, the place of so many blessings! The bus was running carefully, turning, coming up, turning again, higher and higher, like a big toy in an invisible hand, through the wonderful Peruvian nature. After the top of the mountain (5200 m elevation, 15,600 feet above sea level), the way went down into a bright valley, about 3400 m (13,200 feet) elevation. There, close to the city of Huancayo, in a big camp, (for a whole week) the Peruvian Youth Congress was held under the general title “¡Sí, ven Señor Jesús!” (“Even so, come, Lord Jesus” Revelation 22:20). The subjects presented dealt with events to come, and the needed preparation, from the strong warnings of the word to the great, peaceful truths of the gospel. A good amount of time was given for questions and free discussion. The large participation brought a gathering together of over 2300 people, from the ages of 4 to 70! It was amazing to take part in their enthusiasm. Almost everybody was taking notes! Fourteen choirs as well as other musical groups were fervently praising the Lord. The excellent joyful atmosphere was unforgettable. The choir of Llachon especially brought tears to our eyes. Made up of a group of 120 people from the Titicaca lake region, they were singing in a very touching manner the song of their own experience: “Un día más en las manos del Señor . . .” (One more day in the Lord’s hands.) For the truth’s sake they had given up with their only one means of livelihood—fishing—and they were now living almost entirely by faith. Gathering brethren and friends of the church from all regions of Perú, the Youth Congress in Huancayo was proof of the deep spiritual interest they have, and the more than 20 people baptized sealed its success. May the Lord richly bless this country—which has the youngest average age in our church!



The Llachon Choir singing, “One more day in God’s hands,” the song of their daily experience. Many of us were moved to tears.



Some of the many musicians, joyfully praising the Lord.



Partial view of the Youth Congress in Huancayo, Perú.

“When He Shall Appear, We Shall Be Like Him”

July 2000, Romania

By God's grace, Brasov, a Romanian city surrounded by mountains, was the place of the International Youth Congress. For one whole week we had the blessed opportunity to worship the Lord, enjoying from various perspectives the sweet promise that “When he shall appear, we shall be

like him” (1 John 3:2). The truths about Christ our Righteousness, how sanctification develops and affects the whole life—including the delicate and important issue of courtship and marriage, and how to live an abundant life, all provided precious, spiritual food for our souls.

On Thursday, the more than 450 participants coming from 14 countries, enjoyed a trip in the mountains. Sitting on the grass, in the shadow of the big pine trees, we heard experiences, sang, put forth questions and received answers. After lunch, the excursion continued, providing an excellent chance to meet new people and make new friendships—all this in the green, natural framework of forests and meadows. At the last spot for resting, we could see a panorama of the whole city. From there we raised our voices in song and delighted in how sweet it is for brethren to be together.



Songs, question-time, personal testimonies.



Outdoor praise program in Brasov.

On the weekend the hall was too small for the approximately 800 people gathered! The Lord abundantly blessed the congregation, and the program of praise and experiences completed the joy, but not the day. It was a “long” friendly evening. The big majority was outside, singing, talking, being together. The closing program was held Sunday morning in nature, and it was hard to believe that we already had to depart. More than 80 people registered for future seminars for lay missionary work such as (how to give Bible studies, how to conduct nutrition or prophecy seminars). We know that this convention, as all the others that have been held until now in all parts of the world, was a big, unforgettable blessing. May the Lord be with all His faithful chil-



The last resting place of the excursion, above the whole city of Brasov



Along the narrow path

dren, helping us to be and to remain the light of the world, and when He shall appear, to be like Him!

Important Announcement!

The International Youth Congress for 2001, will be held by God's grace in Europe, in Hungary or Romania, from July 30 to August 05. You will be informed about the details immediately after everything is definitely established such as the (place, prices, accommodations). Please pray, and get ready (planning your schedule and saving the needed money), and announce this to all your friends. May the Lord bless you richly!

Your brother in Christ,
Radu Ionita

A Month to Remember

by Vanessa Brostovski — Virginia, U.S.A.

There have been many happy summer months in my life, but I can confidently say that the month of July 2000 was the best so far. The reason? The second annual Southeast U. S. Field Youth Seminar was held in Tennessee from July 2–29, 2000.

We arrived at Harrison Bay State Park on July 2. Our schedule started at 8:00 the next morning with Bro. Peter Lausevic (and our alarm clocks) waking us up at 6:00 a.m. From 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we had studies on very important topics, such as the Sabbath (its importance, its beginning, and how to keep it), and Sin (where it came from, and so forth). At 1:00 p.m., we had a lunch break for two hours. Then in the afternoons Bro. Nathan Tyler taught us how to prepare and present a Bible study. We were assigned our topics on the second day of the seminar, and we began study that day. Study hall was a period of a few hours, then we would have supper and break, followed by a few more hours of quiet

research and study for our presentations. The research seemed endless, and the first few days were quite strenuous. But as we became more familiar with our topics, the work became fun.

After a week of morning studies and afternoon research, we packed our belongings and moved from Harrison Bay to Nashville, Tennessee. The second half of our seminar began there. We continued having the same type of morning studies, but in the afternoon a new program was presented. Brother Fernando Flores taught us how to present literature and to sell books—otherwise known as colporteur work. After he taught us how to do colporteur work, we began going out every afternoon from door to door. There were discouragements, but there were also many victories. Many pamphlets were passed out, and many books were sold. At the end of each day, we shared our experiences from that afternoon. We were constantly reminded to never get discouraged, and that the colporteur

never fails. If we cooperate with Jesus, success will come our way. “The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 509). Also, we continued preparing our studies, which, we were told, would be due at any time. The urge to procrastinate was pretty strong, but with God’s grace and help, we managed to put in hours of faithful study and preparation for our studies.

The topics of our Bible studies ranged from “Grace—Unmerited Favor” to “The Ministry of Healing.” Some covered “Repentance,” “Conversion,” and “Baptism,” while others covered topics like “The Second Coming of Christ,” “The Purpose of the Scriptures,” “Joy,” “Peace,” “Faith,” and many more. It was a great blessing to hear our friends give their studies, and it inspired those of us who were still preparing our presentations to work harder.

During the final portion of the seminar, our morning classes were different. We listened to some of the Bible workers give 30-minute presentations and listened to their comments on each one. That was quite interesting! If you thought you’d never hear a Bible worker speak only for one-half of an hour, it will surprise you, because they can do it! The last couple of days we presented our studies in the mornings, one after another, with 15–20 minute breaks in between. Sister Martha Seeley a medical doctor from Kentucky, came on one of the last days and gave us a presentation on health. Many questions were answered and I am sure that we all have a deeper understanding of our stand on health.

There were 21 students at the seminar, ranging from 10–24 years old. It was amazing to see that despite their ages, the two youngest in the seminar (ages 10 and 11)



Colporteur class



Seminar students

sad to leave behind our friends and the studies we had enjoyed. We were encouraged to take back home all that we had learned and to share it with others, as well as to continue studying. Brother Nathan Tyler also told us to KEEP UP our presentation work, and to continue exercising research and organization

skills in our local churches.

I urge all young people to come to the seminar next year. The things you will learn, the hard yet worthwhile work you will do, and the fun you will have, will create memories to last a lifetime. But most importantly, you will leave with a broader knowledge of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and you will gain a closer connection with Him. I hope many more young people can share this experience as we did this year. I remember one of my favorite Bible verses from the seminar: Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." The need for more young people in this work is great, and one of the first things YOU can do to help is to be trained, and the youth seminar will be a great start. When we all work together to further the cause of Christ, He will come sooner, and we can be brothers and sisters, not only here, but in Heaven. I'll see you next year!

studied hard and did well on their presentations. Those of us who were older were encouraged by them, as well as by two who came from a foreign country and did not speak English as well as the rest of us. They also had very good presentations.

Every Tuesday we had a day off, and we picked various activities to do that day. The first day off, we chose a 4-hour canoe trip down a pretty river. The remaining free days we spent in a bit of sightseeing, and sometimes we just plain relaxed. We looked forward to our free days and were tired when they were over, but we enjoyed getting back to classes.

We were fed very well for four weeks. Two sisters from Florida were the main "cooks" in the kitchen, preparing us delicious breakfasts, lunches, and suppers. Others helped, too, and we were grateful for their input.

When the seminar ended, we looked back on the weeks gone by and were happy to remember our experiences, but we were also very



Youth for the Kingdom

by Bianca and Bruna Tuleu Silveira — Germany



Youth at Rock City



Friends pose for a photo

This year's Youth Convention of the Southeast U.S. Field took place in Chattanooga, Tennessee, from July 30 to August 6 (following the month-long seminar). Under the central theme "Youth for the Kingdom," young people from different states and countries came together to learn from God's word and to have an enjoyable time together with old and new friends. For some of us it was a three-hour journey to arrive at the camp and for others (such as the "California van") it was a three-day journey!

An interesting study was given by Bro. David Zic. The topic was "Dare to Succeed." Brother Zic showed us the way to find a good job and explained how to be successful in our lives: First of all, we have to understand that every single talent we have comes from God and that

we should multiply and use each one for His honor. We should know how to manage our money and time, to be healthy, honest, and have "sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you" (Titus 2:8). In summary: The guarantee to have a good job and be successful is to have a Christian character.

On Tuesday morning we had a study by Bro. Henry Brostovski on our choice of music. As we know, Satan was the conductor of the heavenly choir. During the 6,000 years of our earth's history, he has had plenty of time to study human nature, and knows well how to bring us to fall through music. Music can be a powerful drug. It has the power to change character and it affects our bodies. We should choose care-

fully the type of music to which we listen. Johann Sebastian Bach once said: "The end of all music shall be to honor God." We who claim to be God's people should not sing or listen to music which does not honor the Lord, since songs are seen as prayers to God.

That afternoon, we went to Raccoon Mountain and enjoyed a picnic, tour, and hike. Later we had choir practice with all the youth participating.

Our first study on Wednesday was entitled "Youth at Home" by Bro. David Zic. Did you know that the education you get at home has a great influence on your whole life? Solomon said: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). The influence of a God-loving family can be the most powerful sermon. Further, we were reminded of the verses from Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well

with thee, and then may live long on the earth."

We also had some studies on planning our future work, since most of the convention's participants were still in school. We concluded that by ourselves we do not have enough wisdom to plan our life. But God wants to shape it. In searching for the right work we should keep asking ourselves: "What does God want me to do?" It is better not to follow worldly wisdom and wrong motives but to seek right now for education at home, to have a focus, to apply ourselves to what we do, and to study God's word firstly and our education secondly. At the study's end, we suggested a lot of useful professions that are needed in God's cause. In making important decisions such as the choice of a profession, it is good to think of the verse in 1 Kings 2:3, "And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and withersoever thou turnest thyself."

That afternoon we went to Rock City, a place which seemed at first to be a big green park. There we saw beautiful flowers and animals, but the main attraction was actually the rocks. The stones were put together in different positions and had an impressive variety of shapes.

In the evening we had a study with the unusual name "Let's Talk!" This was a study by Bro. Patrick Jean-François focusing on the relationship and conversation in families. An example of how our speech should be is found in Ephesians 4:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." The apostle Paul describes in Colossians 3:20, 21 how we should behave towards our parents and how parents should act with their children. "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

Bro. Patrick made us—the youth as well as the adults who were sit-

ting in the last seats—see that parents have to encourage their children to trust in them. Then we can know that when we have problems, sorrows, and are seeking for some good advice, that we can come to our parents as our best friends.

Later, in a lively round of talks in which everyone could share experiences, thoughts, and ask questions, we came to the conclusion that parents should be our best friends yet we should listen to and honor their opinions not only as friends, but also as parents who have authority.

Through the study on Thursday morning, Sister Linda Moreno made us aware that our character is shown by the way we are dressed. Some young people are following Satan's example as they want to attract the attention of others to themselves. Instead of glorifying the Lord, they say indirectly by the way they are dressed: "Look at me! Look at me!" Our clothes should be modest, not extravagant nor showy. "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for



all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God" (Deuteronomy 22:5). Satan is deceitful; he wants to destroy our health with inappropriate dress. He is attacking especially the women with fashion—to wear clothes which do not fulfill their true purpose of covering our bodies and promoting health. But if our hearts are really converted to God, it will not be a burden for us to follow God's instructions on dress.

That afternoon we went to a place called The Lost Sea, a large lake deep in a cave. The cave had been a hiding place for many people at different times in history. As we ventured far into the cave, we finally arrived at the lake and rode in boats on the clear water.

Our first study on Friday morning was called "The Single Heart." Bro. Nathan Tyler presented the state of being single in a way that we do not usually consider. He emphasized that being single is also a gift of God. "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways" the Lord says to us in Proverbs 23:26. He wants us to be free from cares in our youth. The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7:32, 33, 35: "But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. . . . And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction." We should focus our minds on the Lord and not be distracted by boys or girls. The enemy wants to make our lives corrupt. He tries to fill us with impure thoughts, indiscreet actions and unholy contacts.

To illustrate how we should behave, Bro. Nathan drew a line on the board. At the beginning it was a straight line but then it went downhill. At the straight part he wrote: "eye contact," "voice," "handshake" (he didn't mean five-minute handshakes!). Following it he drew a boundary which should not be crossed. Everything which comes after that is inappropriate before marriage. But if you do cross the border you might think "Well, I went so far then I can do the next step, too." If we think like that, we will go down into the abyss rather fast. The sooner we stop, the easier it will be to go uphill again. But it is best not to cross the boundary at all, as it is written in 1 Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Surely everyone of us wants to find the right life partner. The best way to find the right one for you is in following Jesus' instruction: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

Our next study was on health, entitled, "Look Your Best," by Sister Martha Seeley. She stressed that the "youth for the kingdom" should be the best-looking people in the world. With this thought in mind she gave us some advice on how our whole appearance—our posture, hair, skin, nails, breath, teeth, expression and weight—could reach this aim. We should preserve our health through the correct amount of food in proportion to the amount and type of work we do. Not turning the night into day is another point in keeping our bodies healthy. "Missing sleep is missing life" she said, but that does not mean that we should be lazy. She reminded us that order

and cleanliness are laws of heaven. Stress shuts down the immune system and stops the digestion, thus leading to sickness. When we are in stress, then let us send the message to our body: "Relax! God will help you!" And remember Psalm 103:2, 3: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

Before the Sabbath began, we attended the graduation of three students from the two-year seminar program. We then spent a wonderful Sabbath together with many visitors. Bro. Peter Lausevic held the divine service with the topic "Youth for the Kingdom." The Lord asks for our heart in our youth, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Unfortunately, the enemy tries to bind up the youth especially with excitement and amusements so that we love the world—but in loving the world there is no room for Jesus in our heart. Is it possible to serve two masters? In Matthew 6:24 we find the answer: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and

love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."

The Sabbath was the spiritual climax of the convention, when over 20 young souls came forward to dedicate their lives to Jesus. We had a special prayer for those who went forward and the Bible workers were asked to visit all who had been so deeply moved.

There was great participation during the young people's meeting which followed.

Our last study was named: "How Do You Know You Are in Love?" In order to answer this question we have to search for the true definition of love and good examples for illustration. In 1 Corinthians 13 we find a definition of love and how love behaves, so that the distinction can be clear between pure and impure love. Bro. Brostovski mentioned some examples from the Bible. One is Isaac's and Rebekah's love (Genesis 24:63–67) which was based not just on affection, but also on prayer, perseverance, and the advice of faithful and wise men. Our loving Father has in mind our and our partner's life both in this world and in eternity (see *The Adventist Home*, p. 51).

We can be sure that Jesus wants the best for us and that love is a gift given by Him.

It was very hard for each of us to say goodbye and many, many tears were shed. But we all were thankful for these unforgettable days and were anxious for next year's convention!



Tearful goodbyes (They are trying hard to smile!)



California Youth Convention,

August 11-20, 2000

Report of Activities

by Nathan Tyler—Georgia, U.S.A.

Location

The Convention was held in two places this year. The Friday evening and Sabbath programs on both weekends were held at our Sacramento, CA, church. The studies and activities were held on the grounds of the Whispering Pines Missionary Institute (Moriah Heights) in Plymouth, CA.

Moriah Heights is a beautiful campus, located east of Sacramento. A missionary college and elementary school are operated by the brethren there.

Attendance

The Convention was well-attended, with over 200 coming for Sabbath meetings. During the week around 80 were present for the activities.

Attendees came from various parts of California, with some from different places in North America, and even from Europe and Australia.

Activities

Several enjoyable activities were planned during the convention.

One of the most memorable was the trip to Yosemite National Park. Yosemite is one of America's national treasures. The youth enjoyed seeing the towering granite rocks rising thousands of feet into the sky around us. A group that chose to go hiking was treated with a gorgeous view of Vernal Falls, and a chance to wade in refreshing cold glacier water at the top.



Inside the chapel at Moriah Heights

Other views of God's handiwork were seen at the California Caverns and the Big Trees Park. California Caverns were discovered during the California Gold Rush of the 19th century. Inside the caves there are many beautiful stalactite and stalagmite formations. The Big Trees Park is a special place, where there are large redwood trees. The group enjoyed a hike among these forest giants, and at the end, paused for a photo—everyone on one tree stump!

Study Topics

The convention centered around topics that were important to the youth. Practical Christianity was stressed, with studies on commitment to Christ, personal devotions, and studying for yourself. An excellent study was given on the true meaning of success, and how each of us can have success in the home, the church, and in the world. Relationships were discussed, with several presentations on singleness, moral purity, courtship, and the blessings of marriage. Issues dealt with at the request of the youth included sports, music, and dress principles. Questions on these topics were answered from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, and from personal testimony.

During the convention, several opportunities were given for those who wanted to make a stand for the Lord, to do so. On the last Friday evening, a call was made and nearly the whole congregation including youth came forward in commitment to work together and for the young people.

The California Convention 2000 was a real blessing to all involved. This was the first large youth convention held in the area in recent years, and all are looking forward to next year.



Our whole group on one tree stump!



True education is missionary training. The sons and daughters of God are called to be missionaries, called to the service of God and their fellow men; and to fit them for this service should be the object of education.

This object should ever be kept in view by Christian parents and teachers. We know not in what line our children may serve. They may spend their lives within the circle of the home; they may engage in life's common vocations, or go as teachers of the gospel to heathen lands; but all are alike called to be missionaries for God, ministers of mercy to the world.

The children and youth, with their fresh talent, energy, and courage, their quick susceptibilities, are loved of God, and He desires to bring them into harmony with divine agencies. They are to obtain an education that will help them to stand by the side of Christ in unselfish service.

Of all His children to the close of time, no less than of the first disciples, Christ said, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so I have also sent them into the world," to be representatives of God, to reveal His Spirit, to manifest His character, to do His work.

Our children stand, as it were, at the parting of the ways. On every hand the world's enticements to self-seeking and self-indulgence call them away from the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord. Whether their lives shall be a blessing or a curse depends upon the choice they make. Overflowing with energy, eager to test their untried capabilities, they must find some outlet for their superabounding life. Active they will be, for good or for evil. Let the youth be impressed with the thought that they are not their own. They belong to Christ. They are the purchase of His blood, the claim of His love. They live because He keeps them

by His power. Their time, their strength, their capabilities, are His, to be developed, to be trained, to be used for Him.

We should educate the youth to help the youth, and as they seek to do this work they will gain an experience that will qualify them to become consecrated workers in a larger sphere. Thousands of hearts can be reached in the most simple, humble way. The most intellectual, those who are looked upon and praised as the world's most gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the simple words that flow from the heart of one who loves God, and who can speak of that love as naturally as the worldling speaks of the things which his mind contemplates and feeds upon. Often the words well prepared and studied have little influence. But the true, honest words of a son or daughter of God, spoken in natural simplicity, will open the door to hearts that have long been locked.

Time is short. Workers for Christ are needed everywhere. There should be a hundred earnest, faithful laborers in home and foreign mission fields where now there is but one. The highways and byways are yet unworked. Urgent inducements should be held out to those who ought now to



be engaged in work for the Master.

The signs which show that Christ's coming is near are fast fulfilling. The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. He speaks to our young men, saying, "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are

God's." Those who will go forth to the work under God's direction will be wonderfully blessed. Those who in this life do their best will obtain a fitness for the future immortal life.

The Lord calls upon those connected with our sanitariums, publishing houses, and schools to teach the youth to do evangelistic work. Our time and energy must not be so largely employed in establishing sanitariums, food stores, and restaurants that other lines of work will be neglected. Young men and young women who should be engaged in the ministry, in Bible work, and in the canvassing work should not be bound down to mechanical employment.

The youth should be encouraged to attend our training-schools for Christian workers, which should become more and more like the schools of the prophets. These institutions have been established

by the Lord, and if they are conducted in harmony with His purpose, the youth sent to them will be prepared quickly to engage in various lines of missionary work. Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some as canvassers, and some as gospel missionaries.

Our young men and young women should be devoted workers in the Master's service. If they will walk in the light that the Lord has permitted to shine upon them, they will see precious opportunities which they may improve, and do God's will from the heart. Quietly, modestly, with a heart overflowing with love, let them seek to win minds to investigate the truth, engaging in Bible readings when they can. By so doing they will be sowing the seed of truth beside all waters, showing forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. Those who are doing this work from right motives are doing an important work of ministering. They will manifest no feeble, undecided character. Their minds are enlarging, their manners are becoming more refined. They should place no bounds to their improvement, but every day be better fitted to do good work.



Many young men and women now engaged in secular labor will feel stirred to give themselves to the service of God, to become channels of light. Some will feel a burden to enter the canvassing field, and will become able evangelists. Let these be given an opportunity to obtain an education for the work of God. And let all

God's workers help, aid, cheer, and encourage one another with their prayers and faithful conversation, impressing one another with the dignity and responsibility of the work in which they are engaged.

He who puts on the armor to war a good warfare will gain greater and still greater ability as he strives to perfect his knowledge of God, working in harmony with the plan God has laid down for the perfect development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers.

Young men and young women, gather a stock of knowledge. Do not always wait until some human examination pronounces you competent to work, but go out into the highways and hedges, and begin to work for God. Use wisely the knowledge you have. Exercise your ability with faithfulness, generously imparting the light that God gives you. Study how best to give to oth-

ers peace and light and truth, and the many other rich blessings of heaven. Constantly improve. Keep reaching higher and still higher. It is the ability to put to the tax the powers of mind and body, ever keeping eternal realities in view, that is of value now. Seek the Lord most earnestly, that you may become more and more refined, more spiritually cultured. Then you will have the very best diploma that any one can have—the endorsement of God.

However large, however small your talents, remember that what you have is yours only in trust. Thus God is testing you, giving you opportunity to prove yourself true. To Him you are indebted for all your capabilities. To Him belong your powers of body, mind, and soul, and for Him these powers are to be used. Your time, your influence, your capabilities, your skill—all must be accounted for to Him who gives all. He uses God's gifts best who seeks by earnest endeavor to carry out the Lord's great plan for the uplifting of humanity, remembering always that he must be a learner as well as a teacher.

Success in any line demands a definite aim. He who would achieve true success must keep steadily in view the aim worthy of his endeavor. Such an aim is set before the



youth of today. The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being. It opens a field of effort to every one whose heart Christ has touched.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is Christ's command to His followers. Not that all are

called to be ministers or missionaries in the ordinary sense of the term; but all may be workers with Him in giving the "glad tidings" to their fellow men. To all, great or small, learned or ignorant, old or young, the command is given. In view of this command, can we educate our sons and daughters for a life of respectable conventionality, a life professedly Christian, but lacking His self-sacrifice, a life on which the verdict of Him who is truth must be, "I know you not"?

Thousands are doing this. They think to secure for their children the benefits of the gospel, while they deny its spirit. But this can not be. Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory. They reject the training that in this life gives strength and nobility of character. Many fathers

and mothers, denying their children to the cross of Christ, have learned too late that they are giving them over to the enemy of God and man. They sealed their ruin, not only for the future, but for the present life. Temptation overcame them. They grew up a curse to the world, a grief and shame to those who gave them being.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." And a world is to be warned.

With such preparations as they can gain, thousands upon thousands of the youth and those older in years should be giving themselves to this work. Already many hearts are responding to the call of the Master Worker, and their numbers will increase. Let every Christian educator give such workers sympathy and cooperation. Let him encourage and assist the youth under his care to gain a preparation to join the ranks.

There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit. All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand.



They are coworkers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, cooperating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what "university course" can equal this?

With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where "the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever"; where "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick," and "the voice of weeping shall be no more heard."—*The Review and Herald*, May 16, 1912.

Dear Youth:

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He Made Me Wonderful

*I walked up the mountain
to see the view from on high;
I climbed up to the top,
I almost reached the sky.*

*The scene before me was
a splendid one:
The trees, the ocean, the lakes,
and the golden sun.*

*All stood before me,
a token of redeeming love,
They all had a mark—
the mark of the “Lord God.”*

*He made the birds, the fish,
the trees and the sea.
But the most beautiful thing of all was
that He had made me.*

*He gave me eyes to see
all that He has done;
He gave me lips to praise Him,
and Christ the beloved Son.*

*He gave me ears to hear poem,
hands to work all day long,
He gave me a brain to tell the
difference between right and wrong.*

*He gave me feet to walk,
run and play,
He made me wonderful,
that’s all I can say.*

*Lord, I praise Thee for Thy creation,
for everything big and small,
From the sun to the moon,
to the smallest atom of all.*

*— Adina Dodos,
Pennsylvania, U.S.A.*

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