

OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Church's Opportunity for Decision, Training and Service

The years 12-24 are the **Church's harvest time for decisions for Christ and for Christian Training and Service.** The Commission Report shows that only 3 per cent. join the Church under 12 years of age and $28\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. over 20, so that $68\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. take this step between 13 and 20. It is also asserted, as a result of various inquiries, that fully 75 per cent. of those who enter upon Christian and Missionary Service at home and abroad make the decision during these strategic years. Yet during these same years only 45 per cent. are regularly in Sunday School and under 20 per cent in Young People's work.

The New Canadian Ideal of Four-Fold Development

Recognizing these facts, the Board, along with other bodies, has during the last few years carried out a remarkably successful campaign among Older Boys and Girls and Young People, through Leadership and Boys' and Girls' Conferences and Summer Camps. Last year 10 to 12 thousand leaders, young people, boys and girls were touched in this way and thousands led to make Forward Step Decisions for the Christian Life, Church Membership, Christian Service, the Ministry, etc.

These ideals are embodied in :

Canadian Standard Efficiency Training,
for Older Boys, 12-17.

Canadian Girls in Training,
for Older Girls, 12-17.

Young People's Curriculum,
for Young People, 18-24.

In the next five years these plans of work and this inspiration and vision ought to be brought within the reach of all the 100,000 Older Boys and Girls and Young People in our Local Churches.

"Jesus increased in Wisdom and Stature and in favor with God and Man."