

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The time before the municipal election is so short, that it will be impossible for me to see you personally, and I take this means of respectfully soliciting your support.

It is hardly necessary for me to remind you that a man should be elected mayor of our city who is at present in the City Council, and who has an intimate acquaintance with the many important measures which are at the present time before the council. This is very important, and upon this I base, largely, my claims for your support. I have served the city faithfully for four consecutive years as an alderman, and I have during that time made a special study of the city's affairs, and claim to have an intelligent up-to-date knowledge of civic business.

I believe it to be the duty of the chief magistrate to see that the laws are strictly enforced, without discrimination. You are doubtless aware that the mayor of our city is chairman of the board of police commissioners and largely responsible for the enforcement of law and order in the community. It is not the province of the chief magistrate to discuss the wisdom or unwisdom of the laws upon the statute book, but it is his duty to use every effort to enforce them.

I am opposed to the principle of electing to the mayor's chair or to the aldermanic board, men who are interested in large companies or corporations which hold franchises from the city, and which are continually coming to the city council asking for special favors. I am opposed to the principle of class legislation; I don't believe in giving

bonuses, exemptions or other special privileges to wealthy corporations, when electors in moderate circumstances have to pay their taxes in full and also to make up for these exemptions. I am opposed to granting a further bonus to the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, believing that it is time for us to call a halt and absolutely refuse to unnecessarily increase the present debt of our city.

I have always taken the stand that it is profitable, morally, physically and financially, to make our city clean, healthful and attractive, and I have taken considerable interest in trying to secure an abundant supply of pure water, a better disposal of city sewage, and permanent roads and sidewalks. In other words, I believe it to be true economy to make our city so desirable that visitors may be induced to become permanent residents, and manufacturers, to build and establish workshops and factories in our midst.

If elected to the honorable position of chief magistrate, I promise faithfully to give the duties my earnest and undivided attention, and I will insist upon the principle of living within our income, as a city.

Trusting that you will honor me with your support, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS MORRIS, JR.

What should be the Relation

OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO OUR MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES?

Fortunate is that cause which in its advocacy has enlisted the sympathy and the service of the young.

Under such circumstances there is no secondary power, single or combined, that can successfully stay its progress.

Upon the other hand, that cause which does not commend itself to the young is doomed in the near future to failure and death.

The lone apostle after the experience of the first half century of the new institution—the church of Jesus Christ—says, “I write unto you, little children,” “I have written unto you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God abideth in you and you have overcome the wicked one.” The relation of young men as such, and even that of little children to the cause of Christ was to this most fervent apostle a matter of great importance and of deep concern. If the relation of young people to the cause of Christ called forth a special letter from the apostle and justified his special attention, surely we are justified

in having our attention called to the relation of young people to our missionary and educational enterprises.

The cause of missions and of education, we may say, are one. They are one, at least, in their ultimate aim, the proclamation of the gospel and the evangelization of the world. Education and missions are related in some respects to the relation existing between cause and effect. They go hand in hand. They are the correlated forces of Christian life and of all true Christian progress. They are the feet that carry the gospel around the world, that carry joy into the midst of sorrow, light into the darkness and life into the regions of death.

No intelligent Christian advocates the one and despises the other. To do so it would be no less folly, than it would be in walking to make use of one foot and at the same time despise the use of the other.

The apostles, the world's first and remaining missionaries, before they were sent forth to the work of proclaiming the gospel to the whole world and to every creature, were first called into the school of the great Teacher, and for a period of about three years received that discipline of heart and mind, that education, in short, which the Master thought necessary when “he ordained the twelve that they should be with Him.”

It was not until the Saviour himself had graduated in the school of obedience, under the rigid discipline of suffering and self-denial, that He became the world's Redeemer. He informs us, that “He came not to do His own will but the will of Him who sent Him.” “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered, and being made perfect He became the author of eternal salvation.”

Although Jesus was divine we must remember that up to the age of thirty years he was a devout student, and by study acquired a knowledge of the law. When twelve years of age “He was found in the temple in the midst of the doctors both hearing and asking them questions.” While the youthful Jesus was, no doubt, able to teach those venerable doctors lessons in the law, he was there, however, as a student, to hear and to ask. Christ heard, asked, and learned, and thereby being perfected he became the author of eternal salvation.

We have before us now the attitude of the Saviour to the cause of education as seen in his own life and experience, as well as in the preparation to which he subjected the apostles in fitting them for the mission field. They were students first and then mission-

aries. This is the order and this order is divine. What then, shall we ask, should be the relation of young people to missions and educations?

If they be Christians, earnest, intelligent and devout, their attitude to the cause of missions and education, will be that of the divine Master. They will do more than think and talk about it, they will take steps to prepare themselves for the best usefulness in the world, in some capacity, in the interest of Christ and the church.

T. L. FOWLER.

[The above is the paper read at the Brantford Convention by Bro. Coulter for Bro. Fowler. Its publication has been unavoidably deferred.—Ed.]

Friday evening about forty members of the Disciples' Junior Y. P. S. C. E. held a delightful social and entertainment in their school room under the skillful management of Miss Edith Butchart, superintendent, and Miss Shirley Morrison, assistant.—*Bowmanville News.*

As the general Secretary of the Ontario C. E. Union is a candidate for the mayoralty of Hamilton, we thought Endeavorers would like to see his picture and read his address to the electors. So they are given on this page. Mr. Morris has been a good alderman; we believe he would make a good mayor. We hope he will be elected.

ST. THOMAS, ONT. Dec. 27, 95.—Our C. E. held a largely attended and very interesting sunrise-prayer-meeting on Christmas morning.

W. D. CUNNINGHAM.

THE FATAL CRAZE.—A merchant learned that a favorite clerk had won a prize in a lottery. He called him up to the desk and discharged him, with the following remarks: “I have been in business forty-three years, and have yet to see the first man who gambled and remained absolutely honest. Twenty years ago I would have tried to cure you. I am too old now to take on new worry. Remember that I told you that the gambling habit was a disease fatal to honesty and almost incurable.” The young man secured another position from which he was discharged inside of two years for stealing.—*Christian Cynosure.*

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