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LIVING IN ETERNITY

' While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.'

The War Psychology and Religion in France

The gravity of the international situation has apparently revived an interest in religion in France. Religion indeed has almost become a fashionable topic. The newspapers publish short paragraphs dealing with the helpful influence of religion in these troublous times, and the booksellers display an unwonted number of books bearing religious titles.

Anti-God propaganda has in recent years been active in France, especially among French youth, and it is among youth, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, that the reaction is most marked. During the last week in April Paris was impressed by a demonstration of the *Jeunesse Agricole Catholique* Movement, which, as its name implies, is composed of young country artisans. Twenty-five thousand of its members thus publicly witnessed to their religion, afterwards attending a solemn High Mass. A like spirit is moving the leaders of Protestant youth who direct the Scout and Guide Movement. At a recent international conference of the leaders of the Movement held in France, the French delegates expressed a desire that the Movement might be more definitely known as a Christian organization. The increasing membership of the Bible Union, and the unprecedented number of summer camps arranged by Christian leaders for French youth this year, indicate the general religious awakening.

The evangelization of France has become a vital issue in the union of French Reformed Churches; the first National Synod taking as its watchword: 'First let us evangelize.' A new note of urgency is now heard in sermons and Bible studies; Churches are 'adopting' slum populations and conducting evangelistic campaigns. There is a clearer perception, too, of the important role of the laity in religion and a demand is heard that men in every walk of life should regard themselves as non-professional missionaries. An effort is being made to keep alive the evangelistic fervour in young men, who, having served well in various Christian activities in their youth, are apt to become indifferent as they enter manhood. 'Every Christian a Missionary' is a popular slogan which expresses the new spirit of Christian witness and enterprise.

This Christian witness may take forms which are peculiarly French. For example, the Roman Catholics have an organization named the '*Jeunes Filles Catholiques de la Société*', more familiarly known as the '*Jeunes Catholiques des salons*'. As their title suggests they are a body of young women who move in the best social circles, which they seek to permeate with Christian influences. Cardinal Pizarro says the purpose of the Church is 'to prepare society girls to become such Christians that others may want to become like them.' It seems that the tide has turned in France.

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