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## A PRAYER

By REV. JAS. P. SMITH, D. D.

*Almighty and ever gracious God; great and many are the gifts of Thy love. For the gift of life, we thank Thee—after Thine image, for Thy service and to Thy glory. The chief end of every life is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever! By the mercies of God, through the love of the Divine Redeemer, and by the grace o' the Spirit; we may present our lives to Thee, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, and this is surely our most reasonable service.*

*Many and precious are the young lives in our homes, and communities, in the schools and churches of the land, lives in a world of peril and of so much evil; yet so capable, so rich in opportunity and so greatly needed. In the dew of their youth, we present them to Thee, oh, our Father! as Jesus the boy of Nazareth was brought to the temple of God, that they may be wholly Thine, may be kept from error and evil, and know Thee and Him whom Thou hast sent—That our youth may be called by Thy spirit, may be kept unspotted from the world and early give themselves to the Saviour of youth, laying their lives, an offering at Thy feet, to be used for Thy Service, for their own happiness, and the joy of many who love them; to be willing servants of Christ, surrendered and devoted, used and blessed for this life and for the Life Eternal!*

*We ask in the name of Christ, our God and Redeemer! Amen!*

## “AND UNTO HIM SHALL THE GATHERING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE BE”

June and its roses, its sunlit days, moonlit nights, its stars and running waters, its hosts of youths and maidens trooping out of school into a summer land are come again. And throughout all our Church June is Young People's Conference month.

In university and college halls, in school buildings and tented encampments, the boys and girls from Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies will soon be gathering for their state conferences. A little later, these state conferences will “head up” at the Young People's Conference at

Montreat to which will come delegates from every state and Synod of our Church.

For pure joyousness and beauty, the Montreat Conference seems like the ancient Feast of Tabernacles when all Israel went out to live in green booths and rejoiced in gladness of heart. One can never forget the devotional hour in the early freshness of the morning, then the long lines of young people winding around the lake to their different classes, sunshine on the water, blue in the sky, massed glory of rhododendrons along the paths, yellow prim-