

THE PAGEANT OF YOUTH.

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Wembley Stadium has drawn crowds of over ninety thousand for the sportfeasts of peacetime; but there were ~~many~~ many empty stands for a big march past of Youth Organizations. ~~...~~ The salute was taken by that hero of youth --- ~~that grand sailor~~ --- ~~...~~ of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes.

It seems a pity that more people couldn't have spared a couple of hours to go ~~ix~~ and watch it. In Germany the place would have been packed --- by order. Isn't the youth of Britain worth looking at --- of our own free will?

No doubt at all, our way of life is changing; no wise man ever prophesies what Britain and the Empire will be like in twenty years from now; except that it will surely be different in many ways and better, we hope, in most. But one sure thing is that the youth of to-day will be guiding our old ship then. ~~They march with a steady step; they have the confidence of youth; we can do our bit in shaping the world to come by seeing that youth gets a fair deal now; and so profits by past mistakes to sort out the mess we've got them into. Perhaps that absent audience has the excuse that the grown-up world is busy and preoccupied. ~~...~~ perhaps we must be content that youth was on parade, even though ~~...~~ ^{SD} a few cared to watch.~~