

Our Young People

This department is in the interest of the Free Baptist Young People's Societies.

OFFICERS

F. B. Y. P. League of New Brunswick.

PRESIDENT, Rev. J. B. Daggett, Fredericton Jct.
 VICE-PRESIDENTS: First District, T. D. Bell; Second District, F. A. Currier; Third District, Geo. Bolster; Fourth District, W. O. Kierstead; Fifth District, J. Bonnell; Sixth District, Rev. G. Swim; Seventh District, A. M. McNinch.
 RECORDING SECRETARY, Miss Jessie Slipp, St. John, West.
 ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY, Miss Maud Phillips, St. John.
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Fredericton, N. B.
 TREASURER, T. A. Lindsay, Woodstock.
 AUDITOR, Rev. A. A. Rideout, Marysville.
 PRESS COMMITTEE, Miss Gertrude Hartley, St. John, West; Miss Maud Slipp, Woodstock; Mr. J. Barry Allan, Fredericton.

F. B. Y. P. Union of Nova Scotia

PRESIDENT, Rev. J. E. Gosline, Barrington.
 VICE-PRESIDENTS, Revs. K. Heine and A. H. McLeod, Miss Marion Hopkins, Miss Theora Spinney.
 RECORDING and CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Mrs. William Ryerson, Brooklyn, Yarmouth County.
 TREASURER, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Tusket, Yarmouth Co.

THE C. E. TOPIC—June 12.

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BECOME CHRIST'S DISCIPLE.

Matt. 16:24-26; John 13:33-35.

Christian discipleship has three factors, all set forth in to-day's scripture. They face toward other men, toward self, and toward God.

First, as to other men, Christ's disciple must love them.

An immense horseshoe magnet hung in the physical laboratory. It was encircled by coils of wire, but it was inert and powerless. Suddenly the professor switched into the coils of wire a current of electricity, and at once a thrill of power seized the magnet. It snatched up four thousand pounds, and held the weight with an irresistible grasp.

Such an encircling band of power is a current of love, wrapping around a life. "How easy it is," said Moody, "to work for God if the heart is filled with love! If we do not love men with the same kind of love that Jesus had for this lost world, we are not going to reach them. But if we do thus love them, love even the ugly and forbidding, then the same divine power by which the loving Christ on the cross draws all men to himself will flow through us, and we also shall draw men to him.

Second, as to himself, Christ's disciple must deny himself, taking up his cross.

This is not to lose one's best self. There are two selves in every man, and the Christian disciple must put off "the old man" and put on "the new man."

Drummond told beautifully the story of the poor old sculptor in Paris, who has a marvellous statue just finished in the clay. That night a frost fell upon the clay, and the sculptor, fearing the moisture in the clay, congealing, would crack and spoil his masterpiece, tenderly wrapped his bedclothes about it. In the morning the sculptor was found dead, but the statue was preserved. So we must deny and "mortify" our lower selves, that we may save for immortal life the image of pure and lovely character that is forming within us.

Third, as to Christ, we must follow him.

There are two sides to this following. One is the cross-bearing side. Christ come to us as Garibaldi went to his countrymen when raising his army of patriots. "I have no money," said the Italian general, "no food, no clothing, no stores, no resources; let every man

that is willing to suffer poverty, shame, hunger, disease, and death, and that loves Italy, follow me." It is never an easy thing to be a Christian.

But there is a converse to this. If we follow Jesus Christ in his different way, then we have Jesus Christ with us in our way. As Major Whittle so happily sung:

Never a trial that he is not there,
 Never a burden that he does not bear,
 Never a sorrow that he does not share,
 Moment by moment I'm under his care.

These three elements of Christian discipleship all hang together. As we love other men, or deny ourselves, or follow Jesus, in swift obedience, as we do any one of these things, it becomes easy to do the other two. Begin sincerely to be a Christian in any point, and you will end by being a glorious Christian in all points.

TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.

To become a child of God we must be willing to make a complete surrender to God.

There are no "hard problems" in the gospel of Jesus Christ to me. I was sixty-five years old when I commenced to learn of him. At that time I was what Dr. Torrey calls an infidel, and had studied the Bible, not to prove it was not inspired, but to find out the truth. But six years ago I went to hear an old pioneer preacher and was much interested. I went to my room and to bed, but lay awake thinking until four o'clock in the morning. Then I arose and on my knees said, Oh, God, you know what I am, and what I believe. If you want anything of me, just take me, as I am, lead me and I will follow where you lead for the balance of my life. I had no thought of winning heaven or of escaping hell, not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward. I just was tired, so tired of this life.

Far away in the depths of my spirit rolled a melody sweeter than psalm.

And in celestial-like strains it still unceasingly falls o'er my soul like an infinite calm.

In the six years and nine months since that time I have heard much of that heavenly music; I have studied the Bible for the last four years continuously, and nowhere in that or any other book have I found language that expresses or can express my love to him who spoke peace to my soul that morning. Then I found a friend that guards me on my own course and will bring me safe to heaven.—William Bradford Napa, Calif.

To become Christ's disciple a sinner must lay hold of Christ with all his might, and hold to him as his only refuge.

A great steamer was out in mid-ocean, and the engines were toiling with limbs of steel and heart of fire to hurl the mighty fabric on its way. There was a sudden lurch, a cry of horror, a plunge into the bursting waves, and the cry, "A man overboard!" rang out over the ship. Quick as thought an officer seized a rope, and threw it with disciplined skill. It was seized, and the drowning man was drawn safely from the foaming waters. When he was on deck, it was seen that the man had grasped the rope with such desperation that it was embedded in the living flesh. Well it

would have been for Felix if he had seized the life-line Paul threw him in the same spirit.

To become Christ's disciple one must renounce every known sin and die rather than offend God.

Sinners defiled with sin, whose leprosy infects others, may become pure as a little child. An illustration of this is seen in the report by Pastor Benjamin Peters, of the conversion of a hopeless Brahmin. A young man came to my house, saying that he wanted to be saved. He was a graduate, yet addicted to drink, and especially a slave of opium. I told him his salvation was finished already. He must accept it and fulfil the conditions and go home rejoicing. He looked surprised and said, "What are the conditions?" I said, "The confession and renunciation of all your sins and the resolution that, by the grace of God, you will rather die than sin again." He said, "Must I part with all my sins?" "There is no other way." He asked if Jesus was able to save him from his besetting sin. Not knowing that he was an opium-eater I related to him the emancipation of a great opium-eater through the repetition of the mighty name of Jesus. He replied, "I will part with all my sins, and I determine, by the grace of God, to die rather than sin." I said, "Let us pray." He knelt trembling, confessed all his sins and told the Lord that, by his grace, he would rather die than sin again. Immediately he threw away his cigars, opium and brandy, and gave himself to prayer and reading the Word of God. The next day he began to put his temporal matters right. He went over all Bangalore, to his friends whom he had wronged, and made confession and restoration. To one man, whom he had robbed of \$500, he went straight and told him what the Lord had done. The man looked at him with astonishment and told him to pay the money when it was possible. He wrote to people whom he had injured, to forgive him, and told them what Jesus had done, and to all his creditors to furnish him with their bills. He wrote a humble letter to his father, an unconverted man, and begged his forgiveness. He joined our church and is much help to me in my work. He teaches in my school and preaches in the streets.

If we would be disciples of Christ, and convince men that we are his, we must manifest his spirit.

I once asked a young fellow who had just become a Christian, what it was that started him to turn from his sins and seek Christ. In reply, he told me that he had had trouble with another young man, and the feud had gone on for a good while. They had hated each other, and never lost an opportunity to do each other harm. But his enemy became converted and joined the church, and no sooner did he do it than he wrote him a beautiful letter, asking pardon for everything he had done against him, and assuring him that in the future his course towards him should be entirely different. At first the young fellow said he had no faith in it, but scarcely a day passed but that young Christian, who had been so bitter toward him, showed him in some way, his love and friendship, until at last, said the young man, "It broke me all down. I could not stand it any longer. I thought if religion could do so much as that for him, it was just what I needed." If we live our religion like that, it will be a constant answer among our men to convince them of the truth of our divine Lord.

EYE GLASSES

Anything the matter with your eyes? Can't see as well as you used. If so, call at

Wiley's DRUG STORE,

and get your eyes tested. Won't cost you anything to find out. No charge for consultation.

FIRST CLASS LINE OF SPECTACLES AND EYE GLASSES TO SELECT FROM.

WILEY'S

206 Queen St., FREDERICTON, N. B.

The Child and the Christian Endeavor Society.

"The nineteenth century will shine in history as a century of discoveries. The greatest of them all is the discovery of the child. Accurately speaking, we should say the "re-discovery of the child," for the child was first discovered 1800 years ago by the carpenter of Nazareth. In the first century of our era Jesus took a child and set him in the midst, and he has done it again in the century which is now drawing to a close.

Three great movements have made the century forever glorious; all three of them born of a passion to save the young. First of all, and greatest of all, is the Sunday-school. Although it was born near the close of the last century, it is distinctively a nineteenth century movement. On this single continent there are to-day nearly 150,000 Sunday-schools, with a million and a half of officers and teachers, and almost 12,000,000 scholars. Twelve million human beings, the majority of them children, studying the scriptures! Look at that and you can behold with the eye of faith Satan falling from heaven.

The second great movement of the century is the Young Men's Christian Association. The century was nearly half over before the first association was organized, but already the movement has struck its roots down into the soil of more than forty countries, and enrolls an army of a quarter of a million of men. Out of this young men's movement has sprung a Young Woman's Christian Association, which, although as yet only in the days of its infancy, has a membership of nearly 42,000. And out of these combined associations has sprung in these recent days the Volunteer Movement, which promises to do more for foreign missions than any other organization has ever attempted.

The century was more than three-quarters gone before the third great movement of our age was born. It was in 1881 that the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor started upon its immortal career. At the end of eighteen years it numbers 56,000 societies, with a membership of 3,400,000. But these figures do not tell the full story of its conquests. Like the river of God, it overflows its banks, and in all parts of