

## SPIRITUAL POWER

As workers for God we have great need of spiritual power. In fact it is an absolute necessity if we are to work on a plan above mere human religion. An interesting tribute to the power of Christianity in the matter of conversion appears in a statement attributed to Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Chicago. He says:

"Moreover, the matter in which these men became Christians is significant. Paul was taken by storm on the road to Damascus; Augustine suddenly hears a voice and becomes a Christian; Francis, too, and also Luther. There seems to be a uniqueness in the nature of Christian conversion. Judaism is a patient discipline, and Christianity is sudden deliverance; Judaism is connected with social development; Christianity is a personal revolution. There is an explosive power in the Christian faith which can capture the souls of men in the calmest moment of their self-contentment, tear down their spiritual organization, and build it upon a new plan . . . To a world drugged by the flesh, blinded by pleasure, Christianity, if it can find its voice, will always have a message to proclaim . . . It has inner resources of power. The faith which converted Paul and Augustine, Francis and Luther, may convert any one at any time. Christianity may yet manifest its explosive power."

These observations made by one who does not claim to be a partaker in the Christian religion are much to the point. In the statement, "Christianity may yet manifest its explosive power" may be found a challenge to the people of God to look to their foundations, lest the power of God revealed in transforming lives should become only a matter of history.

Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Christ is the source. No plan could be better than this. No resources more inexhaustible. And the nature of spiritual power is stated in the promise: "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you." (Acts 1:8, marginal reading). The power supplied for God's work is the Holy Spirit residing in the heart of the believer in the full measure and office of the blessing of holiness. The industrial uses of electricity may serve to illustrate the matter. In this invisible and mysterious power we have potential light, heat and force arrangements to carry the current and apply it. God is still looking for a people who will qualify as the saints did on the Day of Pentecost, and through whom He can direct agencies of spiritual power to carry on His great redemptive work.—The Wesleyan Methodist.

## RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS IN GERMANY

Professor Julius Richter of the University of Berlin says of Protestant church affairs in Germany:

"The 'Away-from-Church' or Secession Movements, which are being stirred up periodically by free-thinkers and socialistic circles, have almost become a familiar topic, but at no time have they succeeded in seriously threatening the existence of the Church. Today there are two other waves that are dashing against the Church; curiously enough they proceed from the extreme Right and the Extreme Left. From the extreme Right it is the 'Tannenberg-Bund' which aiming at creating a thoroughbred Germanic race and purging it from

all Semitic infusion, combats Christianity as an alien religion and would fain galvanize into life again the ancient Valhalla of the Germanic gods. More dangerous and comprehensive is at present the Movement of the Godless, which hand in hand with socialistic Communism is much to the fore among the working classes and propagated by Russia in every way."

Since the World War the Roman Catholic church has registered great gains in Germany. The Centrist political party is Catholic, and in the present disturbed state of national life it is next to Hitler's Nazis in strength. Some seasoned observers in national affairs say that Germany is steadily drifting toward Communism. If that should be a correct observation it means cooperation with Russia in military affairs in days to come.—The Wesleyan Methodist.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

The first Young People's Convention of District No. 2 was held with the Amherst Young People's Society on September 23rd to 25th inclusive.

The message Friday evening was brought by Rev. Leslie Sears. He used as his text the words found in Deut. 6:12: "Beware lest thou forget the Lord." The message was direct and helpful.

Saturday morning 10.30 a number met for prayer and the "Spirit of God came down our souls to greet, while glory crowned the mercy seat." The saints sang, prayed, shouted and marched around the church and got real happy.

Saturday afternoon at 2.30 the business session was held. Lic. Bennett Cochrane, the denominational president, in the chair. Meeting opened by song and prayer.

The following delegates represented the Young People's Societies of the Districts:

Moncton—Sisters Marguerite Trafton and Iola Mitton.

Westchester—Sister Hilda Doyle.

Miller's Corner—Sister Annie Nutting.

Amherst—Sisters Jean Doyle and Ruth Wells.

Also visitors from Marysville, N. B.—Sisters Cochrane, Bubar, Lawson; and Brothers Moore, Charters and Lic. Cochrane.

Moved and adopted that we extend to all visiting brothers and sisters a privilege to take part in all deliberations.

The following officers were elected by ballot vote:

President—Sister Jean Doyle, Amherst.

Vice President—Sister Jennie Henry, Killam's Mills.

Secretary—Sister Hazel Webb, Westchester.

Treasurer—Sister Edna Blackley, Miller's Corner.

Executive Committee—Sisters Hilda Doyle, Pansey Chapman, Audrey Graves and Brother Raymond Parks.

Devotional Committee—Sisters Cochrane, Bubar, Lawson, Trafton and Jean Doyle.

Moved and adopted that Vera Jones act as secretary pro tem.

Moved and adopted that Secretary write to District President, Rev. S. A. Mullen, re having one service of District Quarterly Meeting given over to the young people.

Moved and adopted that we practise self-denial for the purpose of raising funds for the young people's society.

Moved and adopted that the next business meeting for the District Young People's Soci-

ety be held during Quarterly Meetings in March.

Letter was received from St. John informing us they had organized a young people's society.

Moved and adopted that we extend a vote of thanks to the Amherst Young People's Society for their entertainment during the convention.

Moved and adopted that we adjourn.

Saturday evening at 7.00 a great open air service was held in the band stand on the square. About forty Christians, young and old, sang, testified and gathered as soon as the singing, started. This was a blessed meeting, many testifying in the open air for the first time.

Following the open air, a service was held at the church, in which the new president, Sister Jean Doyle, took the chair. Lic. Bennett Cochrane gave a very interesting address on Young People's work. Three seekers were forward to the altar, and we trust got through to victory.

Sunday morning at 9.30 a love feast, led by Brother Donald Charters, proved to be very uplifting. Following this service a message was brought by Sister Hilda Doyle from St. John 11:40.

In the afternoon at 3.00 a preaching service was held at Miller's Corner, Lic. E. S. Cosman being the preacher.

Lic. Bennett Cochrane brought the closing message Sunday evening, using as text four words found in Romans 1-16: "The Gospel of Christ."

Further mention should be made of special music furnished by Sister Jean and Hilda Doyle, Marguerite Trafton, Gertrude Cochrane, Verna McArthur, Frances McBrien and Rev. Leslie Sears, Lic. E. S. Cosman and Lic. Bennett Cochrane.

The old time Quarterly Meetings had nothing on this young people's convention. Every delegate and visitor to this convention received a great spiritual boost, and the Amherst and Miller Corner young people had the time of their lives in such a spiritual atmosphere.

VERA JONES,

Secretary pro tem

## "I WILL NOT LEAVE THEE"

God is with us in our sorrows. There is no pang that rends the heart, I might almost say not one which disturbs the body, but what Jesus Christ has been with us in it all. Feel you the sorrows of poverty? He "had not where to lay his head." Do you endure the griefs of bereavement? Jesus "Wept" at the tomb of Lazarus. Have you been slandered for righteousness' sake, and has it vexed your spirit? He said, "Reproach hath broken mine heart." Have you been betrayed? Do not forget that He, too, had His familiar friend who sold Him for the price of a slave. On what stormy seas have you been tossed which have not also roared about His boat? Never glen of adversity so dark, so deep, apparently so pathless, but what in stooping down you may discover the foot-prints of the Crucified One. In the fires and in the rivers, in the cold night and under the burning sun, He cries, "I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am both thy Companion and thy God."—Spurgeon

There are no stumbling blocks in the way of holiness. After what God says, we should be ashamed to be known for the lack of it.—The Christian Witness.