

YOUNG PEOPLES PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—Titus 2-15

Moncton, N. B.

Dear Readers of the Young People's Column:
Greetings:

I would like to say a few words about our Young People's Society, as I have been requested to write an account of our work in this part of the district. God is blessing and helping souls and we feel encouraged to keep pressing on. It encourages our hearts as young people to know we have One to go to who understands and proves at all times a never-failing Friend. We see many about us becoming discouraged, but if we put our trust fully in Jesus we shall not be overcome, for in so doing we receive strength to continually press on.

Our president, Sister Iola Mitton, and I had the privilege of attending the Young People's Convention at Westchester. We were blessed and helped in the meetings, and the blessing of God was upon His people. Our new pastor, Rev. H. S. Dow, is proving a wonderful blessing and help to our meetings which are held Friday evenings. We are looking to God for greater blessing in the future that others may be led to Christ.

Yours doing His blessed will,

Highway Reporter-Agent,
MILDRED MacDONALD

H. V. Hospital.

Amherst, Sept. 23rd, 1933

Dear Readers of the Young People's Column:
Greetings:

At this time I have been requested to write an article to our column and I must say it seems a hard task, as we of late have been under a nerve strain and burden that perhaps you folk cannot realize. However, our God who has never been known to fail, has provided grace sufficient for our every need.

The familiar truth in God's word which says, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life," has been manifested in our midst here recently. The execution of two of our local boys which took place on Sept. 12th, has made an impression on us that will not be easily erased. While it seemed such a tragedy, we realize it is nothing more than the fruits of sin which caused all the sorrow and heartache. Our pastor, Brother Emery Cosman, was requested to act as spiritual advisor to one of these unfortunate youths, and while the strain was great, God graciously undertook for him and used him in pointing out the way of salvation.

The devil bid high for Alva Henwood's soul from the first, but praise the Lord, through the continuous praying on the part of God's people all over the land, the light broke through. The stony heart was turned to flesh, and he who was so hardened in sin, manifested a truly repentant spirit, and testified to the saving grace of our Lord. How it blesses me to think that God will forgive the awful sin, receive the truly repentant heart and turn the soul heavenward.

Alva's life was changed, and the light of heaven shone through his countenance, and his prayers have greatly impressed the family to the extent that his father has since found Christ.

It came to the hour of execution, and when asked if he wished the jail physician to give

him a stimulant, he bravely replied, "No! I will face my God with a clear head." Naught but the grace of God could give this precious boy the strength to face death so unflinchingly.

Dear young people, I know that the reading of such terrible things does not impress us very deeply, but when the deed is carried out within one's sight and hearing, it gives us a different attitude. This has been a great warning to the young people of this community. The last words the unfortunate one left as a message to the world should stir the heart of any individual. I believe God stayed by that dear boy to the end.

What a change salvation makes! What comfort and strength it provides!

I feel this past week as I never have in my life, that I want to be in my place and not be a disappointment to the Lord in any way. It has been a very strenuous time for the church here at Amherst, as the majority of the family attend and the mother is a member. We feel to weep with those who weep. I am glad the Lord softened my heart so I can feel and sympathize with others. Bless His Dear Name!

Behold, what sorrow sin hath wrought, not only in Amherst, but all over the land. The executioner stated he had five to execute this present month. Is this not something to send us to our knees when we think of how the enemy is ruining the lives of men and women? O, that pastors and churches would forget modern methods and doctrines and lift up Jesus as the only remedy for sin!

This may seem an article out of place for our Young People's Column, yet I feel it the burden of my soul just now, and trust it will arouse us all to make our lives count for the Lord. Let us ever bear these precious sorrowing hearts to the throne of grace, as this has not been a common sorrow, but a long, heart-breaking and strenuous time, and had it not been for the love and comfort of the "Man of Sorrows," they surely would have been overwhelmed with grief.

Yours, determined by the grace of God to go through.
B. JEAN DOYLE

LITTLE HEART QUESTIONS

When were you last blest?

Does God smile upon you as when you were converted and sanctified wholly?

Are you serving God for position or for God's glory?

If you were not able to retain the position you now are in, would you drop everything and run?

Are you big enough to be the last of these who are the Lord's alone?

Have you been true and honest in the position you now hold?

I've seen twenty or more preachers in a service and you would not know whether they were enjoying a present salvation or not—so dry, no fresh vision, nothing to give forth from a heart overflowing with heavenly grace and music.

Are we practising the Presence of God daily? Mr. Lawrence lived moment by moment conscious of the Divine Presence. Noise, bustle and such like all around, but he was shut in with Him.

Are we out to win for truth and God and souls?

One man is heard to say over and over: "If I only had a chance I would accomplish something," while his neighbor has every visible advantage, being "born with a silver spoon in his mouth," and still makes a failure of life. At the same time another lacks every advantage, yet makes his handicap the secret of his success.

The Young People's page has to overcome the shattered hopes and dying aspirations of disappointed, and make up for a late start, all because the editor was not aware that such a job had been given him. But with the advantage of this handicap, and the momentum gained in trying to catch up, we expect to make this page go "over the top" and count for the Glory of God.—Harvey Blainey, Editor of Y. Ps. page.

THE RETURN OF LIQUOR

Our nation is in grave danger of becoming the habitation again of the old time saloon. If thirty-six States vote for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution, saloons will be with us again. Dear Christian people, think what that will mean to our young people, the children and the other folk as well. Think of this machine age, the deaths that will be caused by drunkenness, the souls that will be destroyed eternally, if this hydra-headed monster is allowed to come back into our midst. I have been burdened about this matter and recently the Lord made it plain to me, to write to several religious papers to request them to set a date for fasting and prayer. Let all Christians who read this pray earnestly that God will prevent the required number of States from voting for this evil. At this writing ten States have already voted for repeal, some of which were supposed to be dry. What we do, we must do quickly. In the name of Jesus pray, for God is able, and prayer changes things.

—The Wesleyan Methodist

U. S. BACKSLIDERS IN LONDON

The American delegates at the World Economic Conference, representing a wet administration, fresh in their recollection of the slogan, "We Want Beer," must have felt like backsliders when they saw Denmark and England oppose France's effort to get them behind a world slogan of wine and prosperity. Just as beer was going to help America back to prosperity, wine was going to help the world to economic recovery.

England did not debate it as an economic issue, but rejected it because of its unnecessary effort to Mohammedan people in Egypt, who opposed intoxicants, and the citizens of India who were for temperance. The delegate from Denmark said that they had temperance organizations, entitled to consideration, who did not believe wine was good for the health. The American delegates flicked the ashes from their cigars and cigarettes and looked at their toes; while the French delegates, noting a lack of support from the "new deal" disciples, wondered what had become of America's penchant for drinking its way back to prosperity.