

YOUNG PEOPLES PAGE

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

The Young People's Societies of District No. 4 met at New Tuskett Monday, Sept. 4th, 1933.

Meeting opened with hymn, "Showers of Blessing."

Prayers by Rev. Hollis Kimball, Miss Grace Sanders and Robert Landers.

Singing, "Is Not This the Land of Beulah."

Minutes of last meeting.

Collection.

Election of Officers.

President Lois Hersey.

Vice-President, Carl Mullen.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Landers.

Roll Call of delegates.

Miss Dorothea Landers, Sandford.

Jessie Goudey, New Tuskett.

Miss Marguerite Trafton, Port Maitland.

Miss Grace Sanders, Wood's Harbor.

Solo—Rev. P. J. Trafton.

Talk by Gordon Symonds, taking as his theme, "God's Calls." Rev. 17-14.

God's first call "Call to Conversion."

God's second call: "Call to Sanctification."

Then we must consecrate and die out to self.

Third call: "Call to service or call to work."

II. Tim. 2-15. If we work we must be obedient,

zealous. Fourth Call: "Call to Prayer." We

must obey God's call if we want His smile upon our life.

Solo, Ivan Shaw.

Talk by Bert Cann, taking as his theme, "What is my life" I. Sam. 18-18.

Life is an unsolved mystery. Man is a free moral agent. "He may choose his own path." There are two distinct paths. The path of the just and of the unjust. When in the path of the just we must expect to suffer persecution. Jesus said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake."

Talk by Jessie Goudey from St. Marks 2-17. "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick."

Talk by Rev. P. J. Trafton, telling how as young people we should know the doctrine of the Bible. God wants us to have a definite experience. There should be an ambition in young people to climb to the highest plane possible. We should cultivate our own personality under the inspiration of the holy spirit.

Be true to God.

Be true to conscience.

Be true to one another.

Be faithful, the eyes of others are upon us.

Be careful of our companionship.

Meeting opened for testimony. God's blessing was upon the service. One seeker was at the altar.

Closing hymn "I have found it."

Benediction by Rev. H. C. Mullen.

MRS. R. H. LANDERS,

Secretary

I attended not long ago a large mass meeting in one of our large churches. The leader of that meeting suggested the repealing of the creed of that particular denomination, and as the people in unison repeated the last verse of the 19th Psalm, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O Lord," the thought came forcibly to me, are my words

and thoughts acceptable in God's sight? And then I thought of the words of some of the Bible characters, the words of Joshua, when he said, "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Jas. 24:15, and of David when he said "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Psalm 111:10 verse, and of Job when he said in Job 13-15, "Though he slay me yet will I trust in Him," and of Jesus when he said: "Lo, I come to do thy will O God," and of many others whose words and meditation were acceptable to God.

We are told that out of the heart are the issues of life," and as a man thinketh so he is, and so all of these words, quoted as they come to my mind, were spoken from the fullness of hearts fully conformed to God's will.

These are days, when if our young people have not a firm grip on the things of God that they are likely to become confused and disheartened and utterly cast down as they hear on all sides, opinions voiced by those much older than themselves, opinions in direct opposition to God's Holy Word. They hear "there is no God, every man is a law unto himself; they hear that Jesus was just a martyr," a good man, but not the "Divine son of God," they hear that the Bible is not God's inspired word, but just the product of an overwrought imagination and that religion is only for the ignorant and not to be taken seriously. All of these words and opinions spring from evil hearts of unbelief without knowledge or fear of God.

Young people, when you came to God and confessed your sins and received pardon, God gave you a changed heart, and the things that once you loved (the sinful things) now you hate and vice versa, and the lips that once derided religion and took God's name in vain, now praise and testify of his goodness, and out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh. David wanted to have every thought pleasing to God. He asked that the "meditations," the thoughts he dwelt on, his secret thoughts, should be acceptable in God's sight. David knew if his thoughts were right, his words would be right.

Every word and act first originated in a thought, the thought must be there to produce the words and act.

I was reading in the War Cry an article on the human brain, and its relation to our thoughts and it told where the memory lobes for words and faces and letters was situated, and how our ability to talk and be rational was all dependent on certain other brain sections and how easily by accident to the head, insanity could overtake us and I thought how wonderfully God has created us and given us mental powers that we might serve and worship and how often we use those same powers for Satan. We are told "God is a jealous God," not our petty conception of jealousy, desiring to be thought better of than some one else, but a great zealous jealousy, a jealousy that excludes all evil from the human race and desires that all humanity should fulfil the purpose for which they are created, to glorify and honor God. God created man in his image and he does not want him using the image of God to conform to the sinful wiles of his enemy Satan.

God can give us pure hearts and minds and can so instil his own pure and holy nature

within us that our thoughts and meditations will be acceptable in his sight. We must purpose in our hearts as Daniel did; Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart," and when we come to God for a clean pure heart, it's just what God expects us to do, for we cannot serve him acceptably otherwise. God does his part—he gives us our desire and we feel and know our hearts are clean through the Blood of Jesus and now we must walk carefully and "keep ourselves in the love of God." Paul in his letter tells the Philippians "whatever things are true, honest, pure, lovely to think on those things, we must not allow our minds to stray to questionable things. We must not read questionable books and above all, we must not be companions of and continually associate with those who do not love our God, and whose hearts and minds are not pure, for how can we walk together unless they be agreed?"

It's the little things that trip us up, and that we must guard against, not the big sins at first. We let down a little here and there. We get careless in our prayer life and Bible reading. We miss a meeting or two we could have attended, and then we wonder why we have not the joy in God's service we once had. What we do for God becomes a duty now rather than a pleasure and we begin to take an interest in our worldly friends again, and their interests became once more attractive to us. We forget that when we were on fire for God that we did not want the world and that "Friendships with the world is enmity to God." When God reigns supreme in the heart the world has not the least attraction for us. In fact it has been my experience to have been obliged to associate with worldly people before now, and their conversation and mode of conduct were so sordid in comparison with that of "God's people," that I felt unclean and contaminated and could not breathe freely until I was away from their presence and influence.

God gives us a pure Holy standard; he lets us get a vision of his holiness and leads us up step by step. He tells us to be Holy for he is Holy, and we cannot afford to lose one step we've gained. We must go on up, pressing closer and closer to Jesus, learning more and more of his will for us.

Young people, take Jesus and Jesus only as your example and guide; keep your eyes on him; he will never fail you. Let the beauty of his holiness so sink into your hearts and minds that nothing else will ever be able to attract you. As you go on advancing in the things of God, you will find that all unlike Jesus will become obnoxious to you, and you will go on from day to day conforming more and more to his will and image, and others will take knowledge you have been with Jesus and your life will bless all you come in contact with.

M. McB.,

Amherst R. B. Church

MARRIED

Kincaid-Pelkey

David Kincaid, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, and Alfreda Pelkey, of Fort Fairfield, Me., were united in marriage at the Reformed Baptist parsonage on Saturday evening, Sept. 16th, by Rev. G. A. Rogers, who was assisted by Rev. C. Ray Hagerman, of Florida. G. A. R.