

Young People's Column

The Young People's Societies of District No. 4 at Port Maitland on Monday, June 5th, 1933.

Meeting opened with hymn 122, "Sunlight."

Prayers by Miss Grace Sanders, Brothers Havelock Brannen and Murray Mullen.

Secretary being absent, Miss Veryl Sollows appointed Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of last meeting.

Collection.

Moved by Gordon Symonds and seconded by Rev. H. E. Mullen, that Miss Lois Hersey and Mr. Carl Mullen be on program committee for next Quarterly Meeting which meets at New Tusket.

Duet by Miss Dorothy Landers and Mrs. George Landers.

Talk by Brother Robert Landers, "The Way of Salvation," taking Daniel as an example in Dan. 1:8; how he stood true when put to a test and how God brought him through. So in this life if we stand true and mind God we'll find that He'll take us through.

Solo by Edward Perry.

Talk by Brother Gordon Symonds, taking as his theme "They shall be satisfied." Psalm 37: 19. Four points that carnal men would be satisfied with: Wealth, health, friends, home. But these alone do not satisfy. To be satisfied, one must have salvation and a sanctified experience.

Solo by Mrs. Raymond Smith.

Talk by Brother Bert Cann: Romans 5:12, showing whereas by one man sin entered into the world; yet where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

Some people think to be a Christian is to hinder one from having a good time, but not so. In Eph. 3:18, 19, we find to be a Christian is to comprehend what is the breadth, length, depth and height, and to know the love of Christ.

Talk by Brother Murray Mullen, telling of this past year at E. N. C. and of God's blessing upon their Young People's Services.

Talk by Rev. H. E. Mullen, telling of how our Y. P. S. could continue to be a blessing by working with the pastor and keeping God's blessing upon us. How we should let no one despise our youth, but that we should be an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity.

Meeting opened for testimony. God's blessing was upon the service.

Closing Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Benediction by Rev. H. E. Mullen.

VERYL SOLLOWS,
Secy. pro tem

THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Iva Durham Vennard, D.D.

We have read several times this little pamphlet, giving conversations and letters of a saintly old Catholic, who cared not for forms, but only for the presence of God.

Nicholas Herman was an unlearned man, and was admitted as a lay brother among the Carmelites at Paris in 1666. Converted at eighteen, from then till his death at eighty, he lived a godly life. He believed that "we ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed;" and his face, when

he was about his common duties in the kitchen—work for which he naturally had a great aversion—was sweet and calm. "Having accustomed himself to do everything there for the love of God, and with prayer, upon all occasions, for His grace to do the work well, he found everything easy."

It was said of him that he was never hasty nor slow, but did each thing at the right time, with an even, uninterrupted composure. "The time for business," he said, "does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clutter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament."

He believed that the practice of the presence of God is the secret of a spiritual life. To secure this, he taught "that we ought, once for all, heartily to put our whole trust in God, and make a total surrender of ourselves to Him, secure that He would not deceive us." "I know that for the right practice of it, the heart must be empty of all other things; because God will possess the heart alone; and as He cannot possess it alone without emptying it of all besides, so neither can He act there, and do what He pleases, unless it be left vacant for Him."

The editor of his letters says: "He told me that all consists in one hearty renunciation of everything that we are sensible does not lead to God; that we might accustom ourselves to a continual conversation with Him, with freedom and in simplicity. That we need only to recognize God intimately present with us, to address ourselves to Him every moment, that we may beg His assistance for knowing His will in things doubtful, and for rightly performing those which we see He requires of us, offering them to Him thanks when we have done. That in this conversation with God, we are also employed in praising, adoring and loving Him incessantly for His infinite goodness and perfection . . . That God never failed offering us His grace at each action; that he distinctly perceived it, and never failed of it, unless when his thoughts had wandered from a sense of God's presence or He had forgotten to ask His assistance."

In his letters he says:

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God; those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it; yet I do not advise you to do it from that motive: it is not pleasure which we ought to seek in this exercise; but let us do it from a principle of love, and because God would have us.

"Think often on God, by day, by night, in your business and even in your diversions. He is always near you and with you; leave Him not alone. You would think it rude to leave a friend alone, who came to visit you; why, then, must God be neglected? Do not then forget Him, but think on Him often, adore Him continually, live and die with Him; this is the glorious employment of a Christian.

"Be not discouraged by the repugnance which you may find for it from nature. You must do yourself violence. At the first, one often thinks it lost time; but you must go on.

"When we are faithful to keep ourselves in His holy presence, and set Him always before us, this not only hinders our offending

Him, and doing anything that may displease Him, at least wilfully, but it also begets in us a holy freedom, and if I may so speak, a familiarity with God, wherewith we ask, and that successfully, the graces we stand in need of. By often repeating these acts, they become habitual, and the presence of God is rendered, as it were, natural to us. Give Him thanks, with me, for His great goodness towards me, which I can never sufficiently admire."—Heart and Life.

OBITUARY

Frank Leavitt

On Thursday, June 15th, Mr. Frank Leavitt, of Black's Harbour, was called from this life. The funeral service was held in the U. B. Church Sunday, June 18th. Rev. Mr. Flanagan officiated, assisted by the writer. The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment was at Black's Harbour.

Besides his wife, Emma Leavitt, and two sons, Burns and Eldon Leavitt, the deceased leaves to mourn, a large circle of relatives and friends. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy.

F. A. ANDERSON

Christine Hanley

The sudden death of Mrs. Christine Hanley occurred at Black's Harbour, where she was housekeeping for relatives. She was stricken with a paralytic shock on Sunday evening, June 15th, and died the next day. The remains were taken to the home of the deceased at Back Bay, where interment will be made. May "the God of all comfort" be with the sorrowing ones.

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Mrs. Annie Nixon Moore

On Wednesday, June 23rd, Mrs. Annie Nixon Moore passed to her eternal home on High from her home in Hartland, after a few weeks' illness, in the eighty-first year of her age. She was formerly the wife of Mr. D. H. Nixon, who predeceased her thirteen years, after which she married Mr. James Moore. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Mr. G. B. Nixon, of Somerville, and Dolph, at Lower Brighton; also one sister, Mrs. Walter Jackson, of Scotch Lake, N. B., and one brother, Geo. Stickney, who is at present residing with Mr. G. B. Nixon and wife at Somerville, N. B. The funeral service was held on Friday at her late home and was very largely attended, which spoke of the very high esteem in which she was held by her many friends. Interment was made at the cemetery in the family lot at Hartland. Rev. H. S. Dow, her pastor, officiated at the funeral, assisted by Rev. Mr. Crisp, of Hartland, and Lic. A. Owens and Mrs. Owens, of Meductic, who also furnished the music.

Sister Moore was a charter member of the Reformed Baptist Church at Lower Brighton, having embraced the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification in the early days of the holiness movement in N. B. and had lived a consistent Christian life since. When she knew that she was nearing the end of her earthly pilgrimage, she rejoiced because of the prospect of her future home with Jesus her Lord.