

Young People's Column

Dear Highway and Young Folk:

Having been requested to write something for this column, I am trying to do so, because it is my duty to do anything that is for God's work.

I think it is nice for the young people to band together to fight the evils that come across our pathway. To fight these great giants of sin we want to be like David who fought and killed the bear and lion which tried to carry off some of his flock, and the great giant who defied the armies of the living God. He did not do these things in his own strength, but with help from God he was able to do them. So with our lives, we must ask help from God to aid us fight the evils that surround us. We can be sure of help from God, because He has promised to help us if we ask Him.

Also to aid us fight these giants we must put on the whole armor of God, take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. We must read our Bibles and pray to God always for help in these trials, because it is strengthening for us. So in the end we need not fall into sin or be victims of these temptations because we have plenty material to overcome them with.

If we fight through these battles, and win a victory, it will make us stronger and give us more courage to fight battles that are harder than before. When we have these temptations, God is just testing our courage to see if we are able to meet them, and if we turn victor He rewards us with more strength and courage to do His will.

Yours sincerely,

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

It seems to me that the aim and purpose of our church for our young people is to see, or to get a vision of, what God sees in a young soul, and then to try, by God's Grace, and the best of our ability to bring that possibility to maturity. In other words it is our responsibility as Holiness people, to train and influence our young people, first by co-operation with God, and then by example and precept to so see the true beauty of Holiness, so that nothing short of that will ever satisfy them.

God's standard is HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD. He tells us without Holiness no man shall see the Lord, and we know the Scripture cannot be broken, as yesterday, today and forever Jesus is the same. As we look upon some of the methods used to attract and hold our young people, we often wonder at the "elasticity" of Holiness as some regard it, and just what Jesus thinks of it all. If all the tinsel and adornments were taken from our annual Christmas and Easter entertainments, and just Jesus worshipped as our Saviour and Redeemer, how much attraction would there be in it for the majority of our young people of our churches of today, and yet Jesus says "If I be lifted up I will draw all men" and that the cross should be the attraction.

It seems to me (and I've watched this thing for years) that each time the church regime is broken into, to practise and get up, even a suitable entertainment that we who have partaken of the fuss and flurry of practice and rehearsals have come out at the close, just a little "below par" spiritually.

Our purpose as God's representatives is to instill in the minds of our young people high and holy ideals of personal service to God; and to do this we've got to keep the standard up, we've got to separate and to eliminate all dross and to emphasize the pure gold of whole hearted, personal service to God.

We do not need the counter attractions practised by some religious bodies of the day to hold our young people. I believe that such a deep spiritual love of Holiness can be implanted in their young hearts, that they will be united and bound together in loving service to God. The characteristics and disposition of young people are not transient and cannot be obliterated as time goes on, but they can be so brought under the influence of God's great love, they can be so purified and trained in the proper channels, that they can see in Christ their Ideal, and nothing short of real Holiness will appeal to them. May God help us to see our responsibility to our young people. God certainly expects us to uphold His standard, according to the light His Holy Spirit has given us, and to do less is to compromise, and savor of friendship with the world which we know is enmity to God. When Jesus comes to reward His servants I do not want to be found masquerading and acting as an amateur actress, but much rather would I be on the King's service, clothed in a robe of righteousness. Sometimes I fear our young people see us, those in whom they have confidence, take part in these things and form their attitude of right and wrong from us. Let us shun the very appearance of evil, our examples mean so much.

On the other hand, it has well been said: "We cannot put old heads on young shoulders", and we cannot expect children and young people in general to enter altogether in the true spiritual joy that Christmas and Easter means to us older ones; to them it is more or less a time of giving and receiving, and feasting, and as the years go by, unless carefully looked after, are apt to associate Christmas and Easter with these material things only.

Christmas should be a day of special enjoyment for the children, and the Sunday School Christmas treat (providing it is not distributed on the Lord's day) is quite in keeping with the spirit of Christmas.

Carols and Spiritual songs from innocent children often touch hearts that apparently nothing else will move, as true to God's word as "a little child shall lead them". Also recitations in keeping with the season, that uplifts the child's mind to Jesus, and what He means to them and us should be encouraged, and the real meaning of the day portrayed, and thus we develop the character by encouraging with our interest the best that is in the child, and lead them step by step into the true doctrine of our church.

We dare not risk storing our children's memories with things that we in our own hearts condemn. Does not Jesus say "it were better that a millstone be hanged around our neck than that one of these little ones be offended."

Let us help them by keeping the Purity of Worship and Adoration confined to these lines. Let us keep our flag at top mast and our Sunday School uncontaminated by worldly expedients. Wordsworth says: "'Tis most difficult of tasks to keep heights which the soul is competent to gain.

MAE MCBRIEN

Bridgewater, Me.

Dear Brother Trafton and Highway Friends:

We have taken the Highway for a number of years and we enjoy it very much. As there

has been no one writing from this part of the country, I will try to write. Potatoes being so cheap and other produce also, we are very discouraged, but, praise the Lord, we can get through with His help.

There are two big churches here in Bridgewater, only one of them is in use at present. They are having great crowds here since the new minister has come. He has stirred up the people of this community. There were 390 to Sunday School the third Sunday in March.

I am very glad to hear of the good results at the church in Woodstock, my home town. I hope the ones that have started only keep on.

In the lower end of Bridgewater and the upper end of Monticello we have cottage prayer meetings every Thursday and Sunday nights. We have leaders appointed and they lead the meeting at the different homes. We have a lot of singing and testifying to God's tender mercies.

Last winter there were a lot of converts in the meetings; I for one, and I am still trying to serve the Lord. A lot of the converts have gone back and I wish all the Christians would pray for these young people.

On the Sunday night of March 12th my dear mother gave a very interesting talk from the gospel of St. Luke the twelfth chapter and she took for her text the thirty-first verse. "But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you". She brought a wonderful message from the chapter and the verse. It has been a help to us all I am sure. There is usually a good number to meeting, about twenty-five or thirty.

We have Sunday School every Sunday here in the summer. We have sixty when it is good weather. We had to close because it is too cold in the meeting house in the winter months. We will start again soon. I also wish that all the Christians would pray for this Sunday School so it will be a success.

I have an oath that would be very good for the young people to learn in the Young People's meeting:

"Relying on Divine help, I hereby promise to be true to Christ in all things and at all times. To seek the "New Testament Standard" of Christian experience and life; To attend every meeting unless hindered by reason approved by conscience and take some part in the service aside from singing, if it is possible to do so, with sincerity and truth."

Yours in Him

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QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Marysville, March 2nd to 5th inclusive.

The service Thursday evening was in charge of Lic. J. A. Owens, who spoke from Ephesians 4:27, "Neither give place to the Devil". Friday afternoon was a gracious service in which the souls of Christians were searched by the Spirit of God as Lic. Howard Robertson spoke from the account of Peter's deliverance from prison found in Acts 12:1-12. It was indeed a profitable time for all.

Friday evening was taken by the Sunday School Convention.

The social service Saturday a. m. was led by Brother M. H. Younge, who read the 91st Psalm. These social services are seasons of blessings to all who attend.

The business session opened at 2.30 p. m. with the vice-president Lic. Howard Robertson in the chair. Singing number 196 and Scripture