

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I wish to send a message brief
To greet you Christmas morn;
A melody to cheer the day
On which our Lord was born.

Search as I may, both high and low,
None better can I bring,
Than "Peace on earth good will to men",
The song the angels sing.

I wish to send a little gift,
A token of esteem,
To show my love for all my friends,
For that's the Christmas theme.

But all the lesser things are yours,
Through Him the Gift of Heaven;
For unto you "a Child is born,"
To you "a Son is given."

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A CHRISTMAS SOLILOQUY

H. J. S. Blaney.

I am losing my interest in Christmas, and I do not think it is a symptom of old age either. I am losing the fear that the day is not going to arrive or that I will die before it comes; I am losing the spirit which made me spend dollars for presents for my best friends; I am losing the appetite that wants to be completely satisfied with turkey and cranberry sauce and plum pudding. But lest you think I am becoming abnormal or fanatical, I will qualify my statement and say that I have not lost the thrill of the Christmas tree, nor the joy of giving and receiving presents, nor the delight in the aroma of roasting turkey; no, not at all. I have lost just enough of all these to make room for an added appreciation. I am losing my interest in them as the predominating factor in the Christmas spirit. Maybe I should qualify my remarks further and say that rather than losing my Christmas spirit, it is changing for me. And as it changes it continues to mean more to me.

If it were possible for me to go to that manger cradle in Bethlehem as the wise men did, I suppose I too would bring the Christ child gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. But since that is not possible I can do still better and offer him the resources of my life and the worship and adoration of my heart. I have often wondered why the three wise men never came around where Jesus was in later years. How much more acceptable would have been their first offerings had they come again; and how much more would that first Christmas have meant to them if they had learned more of the Babe as He grew to manhood. Their appreciation of His birth would have grown as they mingled with Him.

I was not able to be at His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but I was there when He marched a victor through the gates of my heart, there to be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. I was not there to see Him heal the sick and raise the dead, but I was there when He touched my sin-sick soul and made me every whit whole; I was not there when He stilled the tempest, but I well remember the time when His "Peace, be still" brought peace and a great calm to my troubled soul; nor was I there to walk with Him the Judean hillsides or the shores of Galilee, but I find sweet fellowship here and my heart burns within me as He walks with me by the way.

"O blessed fellowship divine,
O joy supremely sweet,
Companionship with Jesus here
Makes life with bliss replete.
In union with the purest One
I find my heaven on earth begun."

How I would love to have stood by Him as the howling mob came to take Him away, and to have been at His side as Pilate turned Him over to them to be crucified. I would have helped Him carry His cross, and given Him cooling water to drink as He hung there for me. But I could not—I was not there. But I hear ringing in my ears now.

"Must Jesus bear His cross alone
And all the world go free?
No; there's a cross for everyone
And there's a cross for me."

I would have been the first at the sepulchre on that first Easter morning to welcome my risen Lord, and I think I would have known Him. But since that is past I expect to be among the first to rise on that great resurrection morning. "I expect to be there when He's crowned."

This is the reason that the Christmas spirit is changing for me. Not only have I been instructed in modes of celebrations, but have become acquainted with the author of Christmas. Not only have I brought my meagre offerings, but I have been accepted by Him, and am still "lingering in His presence". I am being taught to give as He gave—to give myself. And at this Christmas time I can hear Him say, "whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God."

NEWS FROM SOCIETIES

Dear Young People:

Perhaps some of you would be interested in hearing about the work which our Young People's Society is doing in New Tusket, N. S. I do not have any special report to give, but we are glad to be able to do even a little in this great work for Him "who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Our meetings are held every Tuesday evening and are a great source of strength to all who attend. The Bible study which is being carried on has proven very inspiring to us all. Our attendance is not very large at present owing to the fact that so many of our number, including at one time all of our officers, are away from home. However, there are still a few of us who have kept the meetings going so far. Owing to the distance that separates some from the church, we may have to discontinue our meetings for a few weeks during the winter. Our pastor has very kindly said that we may have charge of one meeting a month on the regular prayer meeting night, during the time when we cannot meet every week.

We do not feel a bit discouraged with the work done in our society the past year. Each member has seemed to feel his responsibility and is willing to do his part, and as a result we are proving that "real pleasure" is derived from "not seeking our own but another's wealth."

Yours to do His will,
VIOLETTA E. MULLEN

LOWER BRIGHTON SOCIETY

Our Young People's work is being carried on with good interest; the members are faithful and willing to do their best to help out in any way they can. The attendance is good and our meetings are times of blessing and refreshing. Two

new members have been added since the annual convention, making our present membership forty-seven. We hold our services on Friday and Sunday evenings of each week. In our Friday evening services we have been studying the lives of several Old Testament characters, and are now studying the life of Christ. We feel that the Quarterly Meetings, which recently met with our church, was of great benefit to our society. One of our members was sanctified in the meetings. The young people's service on Saturday night was a real inspiration to all.

Several of our members are taking quite an interest in music, and we have a ladies' quartette which is doing very well for having just started. We are trusting the Lord for greater victories and blessings in the months to come. Our desire is to be at our best for Him and to win others for our Master.

May God bless all the young people.

MRS. ALLAN ROBINSON, Reporter

FREDERICTON SOCIETY

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Truly we feel like uniting with the Psalmist and praising God for the growth of our society, not only in grace but also in interest, and attendance during the fall. Praise the Lord! This has not just happened thus, but is the result of the prevailing prayers and faithfulness of our president, Lois Goodspeed, and our pastor, Bro. Watson, who seldom fails to meet with us, as well as older members in the church such as Sister Wiggins, who never fails to have a word of admonition and encouragement for us.

One of our meetings in November was an especially blessed time, when the Holy Spirit's power and presence was felt throughout the entire service. One young man, recently reclaimed, gave a very helpful reading on "The Subtlety of Satan", followed by a very practical Scripture lesson based on Judges 16:10-30, by another young man converted only last May, impressing us deeply that we must watch and pray lest we like Samson get a "free hair cut" from the world and thus become robbed of our strength for God's service. One of the sisters then read letters bearing testimonies of victory from members of other societies, also requesting prayers.

Then followed a blessed time in hearing thirty definite testimonies that Jesus saves and satisfies, quite a few of whom are sanctified. The service ended with two precious back-slidden souls getting back to God, and one hand raised for prayer. Four more were saved at the next Sunday night service. Hallelujah!

The prayer of our hearts is to be kept "low at the feet of our Saviour," that He might be lifted up and draw all men unto Him.

BLANCHE YOUNG

YOUNG PEOPLE AT QUARTERLY

The Young People of District No. 1 had charge of the Saturday evening service at the Quarterly Meeting at Lower Brighton. The President, H. L. Robertson was in charge. Miss Blanche Young gave a talk on the Young People's Page of The Highway, after which the meeting was turned over to Bro. Harvey Blaney, who preached a message on "The Shadow of Peter". We have an influence, conscious or unconscious. What kind of a shadow are you casting?