

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

## EDITORIAL

## BETTER THAN OUR BEST

There comes to my mind that very familiar picture of the New Year, shown as a child, vigorous, robust and healthy, with a sack of grain, which he is sowing, at his side. He is just starting his life's work. Behind him stands the Old Year, pictured as an old white-whiskered man with his worn-out scythe thrown across his drooping shoulders. Once he was young with all of life ahead of him, but he has come to the end. There are lines of sorrow on his face, and he casts wistful glances after his youthful successor. And I wonder as I meditate, whether he is altogether satisfied with the fruit of his harvest.

I believe the old man is sorry that he has no better seed to give the child to sow. Perhaps he went on thoughtless and carefree, not minding his harvest very closely, until he found that the child must sow the grain that he grew. How like life that is! The deeds of the past are carried over into the future. What we have made 1933 will largely determine what 1934 will be. The past moulds the future. The passions we have created and the character we have formed will determine what we are going to do with the days before us. If the past year has yielded us a crop of careless habits and indolent resolves, the coming year will be started with them. But if we have produced a crop of high ideals, holy resolves and worthwhile ambitions, we have a wonderful start toward a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Where the past year has been a failure, it is possible by God's grace to turn defeat into victory. We can turn loss to gain and failure to fruitfulness. No one's best has yet been done. If so, that man has stopped. No one is at his best yet. Let us press on and by God's help be better than our present best selves. We can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

HARVEY J. S. BLANEY

Dear Readers:

Since there has been no report from the Amherst P. Y. S. for some time, I am taking this opportunity to let all who are interested know that we are steadily progressing in the things of God.

We have appointed our leaders for the coming year. Miss Pansy Chapman, the president of District No. 2, is our local president. We conduct our meetings entirely ourselves under the supervision of our pastor. The older members of the church are taking a great interest in our work, which we appreciate very much. We have adopted the twenty cents per week plan for the support of the Young People's page; also the Self Denial Plan. Some of our members have a real burden for our Young People's work and are taking a certain time each week to pray for its advancement.

## NEWS FROM SOCIETIES

Dear Young People:

We are glad to be able to report victory from the Saint John society. Our meetings are very inspiring and the interest is growing every week. Our society is only small, but

the members attend well and we are expecting great things from the Lord, because He has promised that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We know Gideon's God is our God, and what He did for Gideon, He can do for us, if we put our trust in Him and do His will.

We are a group of young people who want to go on in the deep things of God, and live a life of usefulness that we may be the instruments in God's hand in bringing others to the feet of Jesus.

Every one of our members is saved and sanctified, and we believe the smile of God is upon us.

Yours in the Lord,

EMMA WELSH, Reporter

## A NEW YEAR SUGGESTION

I do not know of a better New Year resolution than to determine to read the Bible through during 1934. It is not such a hard task after all if one keeps at it. If three chapters are read every day and two extra on Sundays, the whole will be covered a few days before Dec. 31st. It will surprise us to find how many interesting and helpful things there are in this wonderful book that we have never heard about. Let's find some new Bible stories and some brand new topics of interest for our Young People's meetings. The task will become a pleasure if we can forget that it is a duty. It is even possible for one to become so engrossed in the reading that it is hard to leave, and all schedule is forgotten. At any rate it is always best to keep ahead of schedule to make up for emergencies. Let's have a good group among our societies who will try this.

We are optimistic about the work of our society, and we mean by God's grace to live up to the standard of holiness which He has set for us.

Yours in His service,

MADELINE CHAPMAN, Reporter

Grey's Mills

Greetings from our Young People's Society to all our Young People

Another quarter has passed and by the blessing and help of God we have been able to organize for the first time a Young People's Society at Grey's Mills. This organization was brought about largely through the efforts of Brother DeLong, who spent two weeks with our church in special services during which time a number of young people found God as their personal Saviour and we all were greatly encouraged and blessed.

We only have a membership of ten at present but the Lord is blessing and giving victory and we are trusting Him for great things in the future.

Yours in His service,

FAITH BRADLEY, Secy.

## REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY AT THE HEAD OF MILLSTREAM.

Our Young People's Society is prospering in the things of God.

We are glad we can report victory through the precious Blood of Jesus. The Lord has blessed us few young people and undertook

for us in a special way since Beulah.

Three new members have been added to our Society since the revival meetings. We feel to thank God for having sent Brother Mullen this way. He has truly encouraged us, and we believe conviction is settling on the unsaved young people. Pray for us that we may all be lead into the deep things of God, and by the help of God be eleven bright and shining lights for Jesus.

Yours trusting in the Lord,

LUELLE HAYES, Secy. Treas.

## THE USE OF TOBACCO

First: It is an expensive, useless, wasteful habit; millions of dollars are spent for it annually.

Second: It is poison and destructive to the body and a hindrance to the progress of the soul.

Third: It is a bad example and influence before children and young people.

Fourth: It is filthy, and offensive to many who do not use it.

Fifth: It can not be used to the glory of God.

Sixth: It is one of the greatest curses in the world.

Seventh: It is contrary to Christian purity.

—Selected.

## WHAT PRICE POPULARITY?

"But you can't do it and be popular? These are the words of a 17-year old girl when told she should refuse to enter into some of the sports and doings of present-day young people, and particular reference was made to the practice of promiscuous petting. She was trying to maintain popularity, and yet retain her own self-respect by cutting out such conduct. Well, what about it? Which is worth the more—popularity gained by sacrifice of modesty, or a worthy self-esteem gained at the sacrifice of cheap popularity? Some young people are strong enough in character to take the stand they knew approved character demands, while others are as weak and as easily broken as the reed.

No young man whose approval is worth while thinks a thing of the girl that yields to every suggestion he makes. He may play with a girl in this way, but, when he gets ready to marry, he casts her aside as a child does a broken doll, and marries some one with moral stamina. A good many lives have been ruined because, to them, popularity seemed better than character. Many have been saved because they were proof against blandishment, and could tell tinsel from gold.

Selected.

## HOLD TO GOD'S WORD

Take the Bible out of the art galleries and you have blank pages; out of literature and you have empty covers, and out of government and you have anarchy.—Helms.

## ALWAYS A BAD BUSINESS

"The liquor business has been the faithful ally of every vicious element in American life. It has protected criminals, it has fostered the social evil, it has bribed politicians, juries and legislatures."—Chicago Tribune, July 11, 1917 (before Prohibition).