

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12

Killam's Mills

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We thank the Lord for the victory and interest we are having in our young people's society. Our study centres around the life of Jesus, and we find it very interesting. The Lord has certainly blessed us in our meetings and we do praise him for what He is doing for us. We are still trusting in Him for help to carry on his work.

OTTIE CONSTANTINE, Reporter

WOOD'S HARBOUR SOCIETY

The young people's society of Wood's Harbour is glad to report victory through Him who is able to do far above all that we can ask or think. Since our last report we have added two associate members to our society. Two of our number were baptised on September 30th. Three of our associate members attended the Quarterly Meeting at Brazil Lake, which they enjoyed very much. One of our members, Ida Malone, is greatly missed as she was organist and a great help in the work. The Lord has blessed us and undertaken for us in a special way these past months. We are still praying that He will use us to the saving of precious souls.

MYRTELLA SEARS

BE STRONG!

Be strong!

We are not here today, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it.

'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely,
In God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the
wrong,

How hard the battle goes, the day how long,
Faint not, fight on!

Tomorrow comes the song.

—Selected

PRAYERFUL POSITIONS

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Music has always had a prominent place in religious services, and was never more essential to them than today. Good music is ordained of God, and no other one thing so elevates the soul of man. Today is producing its good hymns and its hymns which will die young, the same as every other age. We cannot influence the making of hymns, but we do have considerable to do with the use of them. The choosing of hymns to sing is an art within itself; and many good ones may be spoiled in the singing.

I once was in a service where the people seemed to be getting blessed during the singing of a certain hymn. I forget the name of it, but it was one that is in common use today. In a few minutes I noticed that my right foot was tapping the floor. That hymn had always been a blessing to me, and many of the people were being blessed to the extent of raising their hands and shouting. But as I sat there and analyzed my feelings, I found that I had often had the same

kind of a feeling when I heard a good band piece, or when I tried to get into the swing of a negro melody. I may have been too matter-of-fact, but I could not help but feel that a real blessing from the Lord ought to be more than that. A real blessing sets my soul on fire; it stirs my whole being, and brings God very consciously nearer. Since that time I am always a bit concerned with the situation when a hymn is sung so that my major reaction is the tapping of my right foot on the floor. Let's have God-blessed singing.

EDITORIAL

OUR HONEST DEBT

Our young people's work has prospered and God has helped us to accomplish some things for Him, but there is a broad field ahead of us. Our success in the future, even when we can no longer be classed as young people, will depend upon how well we learn some lessons now. Our work as it is today is the product of past efforts, some of which reach back over a long period of years. God forbid that we should be less for Him in the future than we are today.

The Lord has designated that His work shall be supported by tithes and offerings. The tithe is paid in return for God's unconditional blessings, and in the proper sense of the term, we do not GIVE anything to the Lord until we have first PAID Him a tenth. After that we give our offerings, as tokens of our love to God. Offerings are free-will but the tithe is required. God regarded it so important that He considered the Israelites backslidden when they failed to pay the tithe. That requirement existed under the old Hebrew law, but is no less binding because we are "not under the law but under grace;" for grace itself is a law of love, under which as much and even more is expected than the old law required. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." If for the law's sake the Israelites gave both tithes and offerings, surely we can do no less for love's sake. However, numbers of people today, in this respect, are living far below the standard of the law, and still profess to be saved by grace. Can anyone consciously withhold that which God requires of him, and still retain a good Christian experience? "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

I believe that if we as young people will realize our obligation to God in this respect, His blessings will be multiplied upon us. The spiritual life of our societies will be deepened, and our work will grow along every line. We have fellow young people who are called of God to the ministry and to the mission field, and an open student fund for the intended purpose of assisting them, but a number of them are unable to prepare because of lack of funds. Does God call and not provide? No, but someone has "limited the Holy One of Israel." We have all around us as needy a field as can be found, and numerous ministers and missionaries in all stages of the making. Some of these will give up because of too dull prospects, some will leave us for other fields, while a few will fall in line to help us out, unless we increase

our assistance and provide greater opportunities for them. There is no limit to what can be done, if God's professed followers will accept the challenge. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

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DECEIVERS YET TRUE

(By Pansy V. Chapman)

We are living in a time when people in general have little or no faith in Christianity. Young Christians, our testimony is laughed to scorn; false accusations are hurled at us from every quarter; our infirmities are held up for ridicule; and even friends desert us. But let us not be disheartened—remember the apostle Paul.

His apostolic authority was questioned. Nothing daunted, when writing to the Corinthians a second time, he started right in with the words "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God." 2 Cor. 1:1. Knowing they had recognized others and ignored him he said: "Are they ministers of Christ? I am more; in labors more abundant, etc." 2 Cor. 11:23-29. And after enumerating his labors and persecutions, he concludes, "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, in wonders, and mighty deeds." 2 Cor. 12:12.

He was charged with lenity and irresolution of conduct. But he explains that the different circumstances in the church account for the alternate tenderness and severity which he exhibits. We read, "But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me but in part; that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient unto such a man is this punishment which was afflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow." 2 Cor. 2:5-7. The marginal reference of "many" takes us over to the scripture, "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others may also fear." I. Tim. 5:20. And of "contrariwise," "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Gal. 6:1. Should not this suffice to answer the charge?

He was charged with arrogance and vain-glory in his ministry. Paul had accomplished great things, and from the standpoint of the world had reason to glory in his attainments. But instead we find him refuting the charge, and humbly speaking of his infirmities. He says, "There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the minister of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure." 2 Cor. 12:7.

He was charged with being personally contemptible. We can use no better words than those of the apostle himself: "For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will be also in deed when we are present." 2 Cor. 10:10-11. Another writer