

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

SELF-DENIAL FUND

At the beginning of another year of service for our Master, we again appeal to all the young people of our Association to pledge to the Self-Denial Fund. For the benefit of our new members I shall briefly explain what this fund is. It is a missionary fund for which we pledge to deny ourselves ten cents a week for the entire year, beginning July 1st. Those who cannot give ten cents a week, give five cents, or even less will be very acceptable. We want all our young people to give something, however small the amount may be.

A large number have already pledged to give the ten cents, and some five cents. Let us have many more. Some older people are also pledging with us, which fact we appreciate very much. Last year we raised over two hundred and thirty-eight dollars (\$238), which was voted to go towards the support of the five Sanders young people, should they return to Africa this year. Let us see if we cannot raise twice as much next year. Pledges were taken at the Annual Convention to the amount of over three hundred dollars (\$300), which we hope is only a start. It is not too late for those who did not pay last year's pledge to do so.

I trust that this will be brought before every society, and that every member will endeavor to give as the Lord prospers. Let us really deny ourselves a little for the Lord this year. I am sure He will richly repay if we do. Remember, any amount you are able to give is welcome.

ALICE TEDLEY, Secy.-Treas.
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ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Reformed Baptist Young People's Association held its second annual convention at Beulah Camp Grounds on Saturday afternoon, July 7th, 1934, with over one hundred young people in attendance. It was not only a success within itself, but marked the close of a year of successful effort, as was shown by the reports presented. The corresponding secretary reported five new societies organized during the year, which brings the present total up to thirty. With few exceptions the spiritual condition of the societies is good, and the general outlook is encouraging. The Treasurer's report showed ample funds on hand to meet all expenses, and the report of the Self-denial fund for missions was equally satisfying, an account of which will be found in another column.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Honorary President, Rev. P. J. Trafton; President, Lic. Bennett C. Cochran; Vice-President, Rev. Harvey J. S. Blaney; Recording Secretary, Miss Lois Goodspeed; Assistant, Miss Gertrude Cochran; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Winnifred Shaw; Treasurer, Miss Blanche Young; Assistant, Miss Gertrude Watson; Secretary-Treasurer of Self-Denial Fund, Miss Alice Tedley; Assistant, Miss Helen Millen; Editor of Young People's Page, Rev. Harvey J. S. Blaney; additional members of the Executive, Miss Emma Trafton, Miss Oral Green, and Mr. Raymond Parks.

During the session the evangelist, Dr. C. W. Butler, gave an address, stressing the importance of the choices which young people must make. Every heart has its master; every heart has its king which controls its affections. That king is either Christ or the Devil. The most essential choice of life is making Jesus Christ King.

The music was furnished by the Sanders Quintet, whose heartfelt singing of the Missionary's Farewell spoke plainly of their passion for the souls of our lost brothers and sisters in dark Africa. With encouragement gained by looking at the past, and with a bright future ahead of us, we expect by God's help to bring in a better report next June.

E. WINNIFRED SHAW, Reporter

EDITORIAL

Spiritual Physiology

Many characteristics of physical life find their parallel in the spiritual life, and the same comparison can be taken over into the life of a group. This latter is what I wish to do by taking some truths of physical life and applying them to our young people's work. I shall use four of these characteristics, namely, assimilation, waste, reproduction and growth.

The body must continually take in and absorb certain materials which become a part of it and keep it alive. The same kind is taken in over and over again, with sometimes a change of diet to correspond with age and conditions. In the same way our young people must be continually taking in those teachings and principles for which our church stands, making Holiness our regular diet. We cannot afford to feed on any other kind of religious victuals. Although at first we may have to take it in milk form, as we progress we shall be able to receive the strong meat of the word. Holiness must become such a part of us that, just as we think of hay and oats whenever a horse is mentioned, people will think of Holiness whenever they think of the Reformed Baptist Young People.

This process of assimilation must always exceed its opposite, waste or death is the result. However, the body is repeatedly taking in material which is of no benefit to it, and is always wearing itself away. The system must be cleansed from these waste materials. Similarly, Holiness young people are always in danger of false teachings; wrong motives, desires, attitudes, affections, and the like will creep in as a result. For all of this we need the council of our elders, the preaching of our pastors, and in and with all the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit to "make and keep us pure within."

One attribute of normal life is the ability to reproduce beings of like character—no species of beings can produce life of another species. If we are a normal group of Christians, having health of soul—wholesomeness, wholeness, or Holiness—our work for the Lord will result in other young people of the same kind. In fact the only purpose of our existence as an organization is the saving and sanctifying of others. We were told in school that an organization forfeits its right of existence when it ceases to perform that for which it was founded. This tells me that when we as a group fail to attract others to

ourselves, our way of living, and our teachings, it is time we are either buried or revived. But thank the Lord, we are fulfilling our mission, we are keeping true, and our numbers are increasing.

This brings us to the thought of growth. A healthy being grows. When growth ceases, decay sets in. The surest sign of life is growth. The life and worth of our organization will be measured by our growth. We must grow or we will die. We shall grow spiritually by assimilating the time-proven truths of Holiness, and we shall grow numerically by getting others saved and sanctified. The mere addition of numbers is not enough. Our purpose as an association can only be fulfilled by the proper application of these four principles—assimilation, waste, reproduction and growth.

HARVEY J. S. BLANEY,

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DISTRICT NO. 3 CONVENTION

The young people of District No. 3 held a convention at North Head, Grand Manan, starting Thursday evening and running over the following Sunday, July 29th. The crowds were large and the interest good. The morning Love Feasts were times of great refreshing. Besides the business taken up in the afternoon services, several very helpful papers were read which provoked considerable discussion. The evening services were evangelistic, as were also the three Sunday services. The preachers, who were all young people, seemed to be at their best. Rev. E. R. Bradley preached the opening and the closing messages of the convention. Lic. Geo. DeLong preached twice, Miss Oral Green once, and Miss Miriam Sanders once. God's blessing was upon them.

This was one of the best conventions held on the district, and showed the new interest and determination gained by some of our members at Beulah. Our young people are moving up the road for God.

GEORGE A. DELONG

OVER-ANSWERED

No true, faith-winged prayer goes unanswered, but many a prayer that seems to us unanswered is really over-answered. The very thing we ask God does not grant, because He is able to do something infinitely better for us. We ask only for bodily help or relief, and He sees that we need far more some deep spiritual blessing. He answers our soul's needs before He gratifies our personal wishes. We ask for a temporal favor; He does not give it to us, but instead He bestows upon us a spiritual good which will enrich us forever. We ask for the lifting away of a burden or the averting of a sorrow; our plea is not granted in form, but instead we receive a new impartation of the power of Christ, or an angel comes from Heaven and ministers to us. Thus many times our little prayers are really over-answered.—Selected.

Between the great things that we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing.—Adolph Monod.