

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

Some people are known as optimistic while others are called pessimistic. Some are said to be jovial, others grouchy; some careless, carefree, painstaking, tenderhearted and so on. Almost every one can be put under some such heading. They are not sized up that way because of any particular thing they have done, because no one is judged by a single act, nor even by an addition of acts, and I question whether by his actions at all or not. There is something deeper in man than his actions; there is that which is behind the deed—his attitude.

A man may be a pessimist as regards the depression, an optimist toward the outcome of next season's crops, grouchy in his home, tenderhearted toward animals and very painstaking in his business. His success in these realms depends upon these same, and their sum total moulds his life, and makes him what he really is. Just so the success of a Christian's life depends upon his attitudes. His usefulness in a Church or Y. P. Society, and his influence upon others, is determined by the spirit he shows towards his brothers and sisters.

It is not always the word spoken but the tone of voice which says so much. An "Amen" or a "Praise the Lord", may carry a poison arrow which reaches its mark. A prayer may be loaded with bitter shots for someone, and testimonies may become battles of opinions. Hand shakes may freeze like ice. A look may be a dagger to the heart. A toss of the head may say more than an outward burst of reproof. The neglect to shake hands, or unexpressed jealousy or enemy may be armed forces of the devil.

All these things may go unnoticed for the most part but in their wake will be found broken hearts, discouraged souls, back slidden children of God, wrecked lives, and perhaps a broken up church or Y. P. Society. In fact things like these lie at the root of every Christian organization which has broken up or gone back on God. The evil one never yet got into a church or society until professing Christians first opened the door for him.

The hope of our work lies in the individual members. The wrong attitude of one can do more damage than all the others can repair. A strong society must be made up of strong Christians. Its influence is radiated by its members. The attitude may be unseen but it is there. We may not be acquainted with the cause of this success or with that failure, but it lies back in somebody's heart. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

HARVEY J. S. BLANEY,
Editor of Y. P. Page.

SANDFORD, N. S. SOCIETY

We feel that we have much to praise God for. In our recent revival five young people were reclaimed and are standing true, and three of us received and are enjoying the blessing of Holiness. Yes, "God still answers prayer today in the good old-fashioned way," and we are believing Him for greater things. We want to show to the world that Jesus Christ can and does save from all sin and completely satisfies young people.

We have a prayer and testimony meeting every Friday evening, sometimes followed by Bible study. Though not large in number, God does bless us as we meet in his name. We intend by His help to stand by Holiness, keep the experience in our hearts, testify to it, and live it.

Our great desire is to be a truly spiritual band of young people and win others to Christ.

VIOLA CHURCHILL, Secretary.

Dear Young People:

Although no report has been given for some time from the Hartland Young People's Society, we can truly say that we are enjoying the blessing of the Lord, and are very much encouraged as young people.

We have at present a membership of twenty, with increasing attendance and interest. During the winter we are holding our services each Friday evening at our different homes, and they are real times of refreshing. Beginning this new year we purpose as a band of young people to press the battle harder than ever before for the upbuilding of God's cause and kingdom, and to carry a greater burden for the unsaved, especially the ones who regularly attend our services.

Our society wishes all of our Highway friends and readers a very happy and prosperous new year. In closing, my own personal testimony is that Jesus sweetly saves, satisfies and keeps. Praise His name!

MABLE R. HOVEY, Reporter

MY ASPIRATIONS FOR 1934

By Edward W. Dow

(Given at the watch night service in the Hartland Reformed Baptist Church.)

In Genesis 5:24 we find these words, "Enoch walked with God." I think it would be a very good aim for every one of us to set for ourselves in the New Year that we might walk with God. In order to do this we must determine to do the will of the Lord because he says "how can two walk together except they be agreed." We must give up all thought of going with the world for we "cannot serve God and Mammon". Jesus said, "if any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." We must not expect to have an easy road. The hymn writer says, "Must I be carried to the skies, on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas? Sure I must fight if I would reign; increase my courage Lord. I'll bear the cross, endure the shame, supported by Thy word."

This is not the way of least resistance. Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the straight gate." The Christian life is a fight, it is a warfare, but we can be protected for it by the armour of God, described in Eph. 6. If we walk with God we must walk in the light. In the gospel of St. John we find "if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin." You will notice it say cleanseth, the present tense; He keeps cleansing our hearts from sin.

But if our spiritual walk is not always easy it is pleasant, because we have our Savior with us and there is the reward at the end of the Christian life. The complete verse about Enoch reads, "Enoch walked with God and was not for God took him." We all enjoy singing that old hymn. "The toils of the road will seem nothing—when we get to the end of the way." When about to leave this world Jesus said to His disciples, "and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." We have the assurance in our hearts that all is well with our souls and that if Jesus should come at any time we would be ready to go to be with Him.

While we stand as it were on the threshold of a new year every one of us should purpose in our hearts that we will walk with God and live closer to Him, do His will better and be like Daniel who purposed in his heart that he would not

defile himself with the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank. Some have represented the new year as a clean sheet of paper on which we write every day. The Lord has told us that we will be responsible for every idle word spoken. As we plan to do God's will, we must do our best at our own work. The apostle Paul tells us to be diligent in business, and Solomon says, "he becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand but the hand of the diligent maketh rich". So we see to be a Christian we do not need to neglect our work, but it rather makes us more diligent in our work, and the Lord helps us to do what is best for ourselves and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The Lord wants us to be good for something—not just negatively good because we do not do anything wrong. We have heard the story of the little boy who was misbehaving and when his mother asked him why he couldn't be good he said, "give me a nickel and I'll be good." His mother said, "why don't you be like your father, good for nothing."

It was the pagan philosopher Socrates, who said, "to know right is to do right". If he could say that, we who have the grace of God in our hearts should certainly do no less. We should be good for something, have a purpose in life to help our fellowman, and to make the world better because we have lived in it. This is an individual matter. Every one of us can have the blessing of God on our souls if we will, regardless of what others do. It is the privilege of each of us individually to do the Lord's will.

So my aspirations for 1934 might be summed up in these words: to do right, to be useful, and to help my fellowmen.

Christians are often tempted to shirk fine opportunities for real beautiful and useful service in the Lord's vineyard. Here is a thought which will prove helpful to save you in such an hour of temptation we clip from an exchange:

"When I was sixteen I joined the church," said an elderly lawyer. "Several months later, one blustery January day, Deacon Crandall stopped me on the road. There had been a number of fine catches of fish through the ice, and Joe and I were ready for an early start next morning. 'I've been over to Jake Streever's,' the deacon said. 'The folks are all sick, and my wife and Miss Adams wanted to send over some things. There wa'n't no fire in the house to speak of, Robert, and there ain't a stick of wood in the shed; so I'm going to draw 'em a load of four-foot, and enough stove wood to last 'em over night. Why can't you play the Good Samaritan, and saw it up in the morning?' 'Joe and I plan to go fishing tomorrow,' I replied, 'I guess you'll have to look up somebody else.' 'I see,' the deacon said mildly. 'I didn't know that; I thought it would be a good chance for you. The way it comes to me is that you and I and the rest of us are all the Lord Jesus has left to tell what a good, self-denying Saviour He was. If there wa'n't no Christians living up to their high calling, Robert, there wouldn't be a whisper for the Lord—not a whisper—this side of heaven. I thought mebbe you'd prize the chance and be glad to take it.' I gave up my fishing trip and sawed the wood, and I learned that day what real service was, and since then whenever I've been tempted to shirk my Christian obligations Deacon Crandall's homely aphorism has rebuked me—'We're all the Lord Jesus has left.'—Youth's Companion.