

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

Reformed Baptist Church,
Moncton, N. B.

Greetings from Young Peoples' Society:

The Young Peoples' Society of Moncton, under the leadership of our president, Miss Iola Mitton is still endeavoring to push the battle to the front. We are at present studying the Parables which we have found very interesting and also helpful. The attendance has been fairly good. The older members of the church are taking an interest in our work, which we appreciate very much. We have received much spiritual help and encouragement from our pastor, Rev. H. S. Dow and are hoping for greater results as time goes on.

May God bless the efforts of the Young Peoples' Society in general, is the prayer of the Young Peoples' Society of Moncton.

LOIS MacCALLUM,
Secretary.

EDITORIAL

JESUS THE SON OF GOD

A short time ago, I was engaged with a gentleman in conversation, and I found that he had a very deep appreciation of the finer things in life, because of his love of nature and interest in good literature. When asked, what is the worst thing in life, his answer was, hatred, strife, war. And to the query, as to what he believed to be the most beautiful thing in life, his answer was, charity—of course embodying love. All this came without the thought or mention of religion.

Presently he spoke at some length, and this is what he said, in substance:

"I don't understand why I, as a young man, should have chosen the profession that I did. I detest my work. I should have chosen something which would allow me more leisure. Do you know, if I had it to do over again I would go into the ministry. Of course I cannot go all the way with some of the accepted theological beliefs of the church, but that doesn't matter very much. A lot of them are unnecessary. It doesn't matter a thing to me whether Jesus Christ was the son of God or not. There is too much chance for debate. All that concerns me is that He left His teachings, and I shall go by them."

Before I had finished a sentence in reply, he extended his hand in a courteous goodbye. I as courteously shook his hand, and left his office. But the incident has imprinted itself indelibly upon my mind. Here was a cross section of what we term modernism; here was a religious belief, a self-pronounced error, which was afraid lest a breeze of truth should blow it from its foundations.

To say that one accepts Christ's teachings and then ignores the fact of His being the Son of God is self-contradictory, for Christ taught that He was the Son of God and all His teachings are based upon this great fact. The officers of the Pharisees said, "Never man spake like this man". They, and all such, must recognize the super-human in these teachings, and they prefer to explain this marvel by defying man. But Jesus did not attain unto Godhood by any pious deeds or saintly exhortations, but he was God incarnate in human flesh. That may be hard to believe and impossible to understand, but it is easier to think of a holy all-powerful God becoming man to so save man from sin, than to believe that sinful man can defy and save himself. Christ was not a God-man but the Man-God. He did not climb

to heaven but came down from heaven. He is not God's Son because He taught as He did, but He taught as He did, because He is the Son of God. If we doubt His Sonship we must deny His death, and resurrection, and then the whole gospel will collapse.

Young people, let us not accept everything that is based on the teachings of Jesus. Unless it starts with Jesus as the Son of God, and ends with His crucifixion and resurrection, any other teaching is only another religion and the more dangerous because of its partial truth, and not the gospel which saves from sin.

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CHRIST AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE

By Rev. H. C. Mullen

Young people, I am interested in you. I want to see you prosper spiritually and in every other right way. I want to see the societies grow and fully justify their existence. I am not classed with the young people now, but it has not been long since I was—not so long that I cannot remember the problems and temptations that confronted me. I will say, however, that it seems to me to be more of a problem for the young man or young woman to live a real Christian life now than it was even twenty-five years ago. There are more attractions and distractions now, and the worst battle of all is to keep from being deceived by this modern, lifeless, spiritless, cold-hearted religion that passes for the real in some places, and yet has no likeness to Bible salvation. Young people, your only hope is Christ. He alone can settle your problems; He alone can make you victorious; He alone can keep you pure; He alone can pilot your frail bark over the sea of life and keep you off the rocks. If you would not look back upon life with heart-breaking regrets, then let Christ be your Captain. You can find in Him all that you need to insure a full rounded, happy and successful life. His personality has never been duplicated. His life is unimpeachable. His example is most worthy. His teaching is the sublimest system of precepts ever presented to humanity.

No young person stands much of a chance of maintaining his integrity, or of keeping spotless in life and reputation without Christ in his heart. Morality is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. The devil is too mighty and the sinward pull of our depraved nature is too strong to ever expect, unaided by divine grace, to keep from going under. It is no use to tell me that many are stemming the awful tide of impurity and sin that is setting against us, unless aided by some motive power greater than human will. All must have a heart experience of salvation; we must know Jesus as our own personal Saviour. I am just old-fashioned enough to believe that Jesus can fully satisfy young people today. He can become more to them than all the glitter and tinsel of a deceptive world. I never have believed that the only way that young people can be held to the church is by amusements and cake and ice cream. It is a sad reflection upon the gospel and an open confession that Christ is a failure

as far as they are concerned, when questionable schemes have to be resorted to to attract and hold people to the church. Holy Ghost fire will attract and hold when nothing else will. When folk fall in love with Christ, the problem of church attendance, and most other church problems will be settled.

Of what use are people after they are in the church if they are held merely because they hold some office or are attracted by some unspiritual expedient? Young people who have been saved and sanctified, or in other words, have consecrated themselves fully to Christ, do not have to be tolled to church by promise of treats or entertainments. To know Christ is to love Him, and when we love Him we will want to be in His service, and will not want to be found where we could not consistently expect Him to follow; neither will we be found doing things upon which we could not invoke His blessing.

The greatest need of our church is sanctified young people. We have some, thank the Lord, and we want more. Organization will fail; mere numbers won't avail much; programs are lifeless; a theoretical knowledge of Christ will not do; nothing but a Christ-possessed personality, a life conformed to His unselfish and spotless life, a walk according to His holy example, and an appreciation avail to make our young people's societies and expression of His exalted teaching can avail to make our Young People's societies what God wants them to be.

"Perchance in Heaven one day to me

Some precious saint may come and say:

"All hail, beloved, but for thee

My soul to death had been a prey;

Ah, then, what blessing in the thought,

One soul to glory to have brought."

—Selected

PEACE

With eager heart and will on fire

I fought to win my great desire;

"Peace shall be mine," I said; but life

Grew bitter in the weary strife.

My soul was tired, and my pride

Was wounded deep; to Heaven I cried,

"God grant me peace or I must die;

The dumb stars glittered no reply.

Broken at last, I bowed my head,

Forgetting all myself, and said,

"Whatever comes, His will be done;"

And in that moment peace was won.

—Henry Van Dyke

WOODS HARBOR SOCIETY

Since there has been no report from the Young People's Society of Wood's Harbor, N. S., I am taking this opportunity to let all who are interested know that we are steadily progressing in the things of God.

This society was brought about largely through the efforts of Sister Grace Sanders. We have a membership of ten active and ten associate at present. We have adopted the twenty cents per week plan for the support of the Y. P. Page; also some have taken up the Self-Denial Fund. We conduct our meetings entirely ourselves under the supervision of our pastor. The older members of our church