

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

Dear Young People: Wollaston, Mass.

Greetings in Jesus name! We are thanking God for the opportunity of attending Eastern Nazarene College this year. It is wonderful how our needs are being supplied, and how doors are opening which seemed so impassable. We are reminded of that beautiful promise, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory". We are praying that this will be a year of advancement in the ranks of our Young People's work. Remember us to the throne of grace. Yours for Holiness,

NORMAN TRAFTON,
GEORGE DeLONG.

DISTRICT NO. 3 CONVENTION

The second Young People's Convention of this District was held in the church at Jonesport on October 25th to 28th. Because some visitors were detained on account of bad weather and rough water, another service was held on Monday evening, the 29th. A fine spirit prevailed throughout, and the kindness of the people of Jonesport in caring for the visitors, and the cooperation of the pastor, Rev. H. S. Wilson, did much to make the Convention a success. Praise the Lord for Christian fellowship!

Thursday evening Rev. H. M. Kimball preached from Joshua 1:8. The writer was not present at this service so can offer no comments. On Friday evening Lic. Norman J. Sanders brought a message from 1 Cor. 15:10. Six young people responded to the altar call, and afterwards testified to definite victory.

The business meeting was held on Saturday afternoon with Sister Oral Green in place of the president, Rev. E. R. Bradley. Roll call found a goodly number of delegates present. Encouraging reports were received from the societies of Jonesport, Black's Harbour, Wood Island, and North Head. Two fine papers were read: "What the World Expects From Christian Young People", by Sister Madeline Shepherd; and "The Fortification of the Young", by Sister Kathleen Palmer. It was decided to ask our General President, Lic. B. C. Cochrane, to visit the societies of the district periodically. A vote of thanks for entertainment was passed, and the report of the Devotional Committee received. The business session was concluded with a good praise service, in which our spirits were greatly refreshed.

Saturday evening Sister Oral Green preached from Numbers 13:30. She told us that many people do not possess all that is available because of the "giants", but in spite of them it is possible to "go up and possess" it.

Sunday was a great day. Sister Reta Kinghorne led the morning Love Feast. Then Lic. Norman J. Sanders preached from Hebrews 12:14, "Without Holiness no man shall see the Lord". The message was blessed to eight hearts who went to the altar to be sanctified; and they testified that the work was done.

In the afternoon there was preaching with Brother Herman Anderson as the speaker. He used as his text Acts 16:30. There was a good congregation at the evening service. Sister Oral Green preached a sermon especially to young people from Eccles. 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth". Three seekers came to the altar who prayed through to victory.

On Monday evening Lic. Norman Sanders preached to us again, encouraging the saved ones, and trying to persuade sinners to seek Christ.

Praise the Lord for the Feast of good things! BERNARD E. TATTON, Secretary.

EDITORIAL

HOLDING BACK AS A
MEANS OF PROGRESS

Thus has one man expressed a great truth. Progress always comes after a process. The discoveries and inventions which have changed civilization have been wrought out by years of toil in obscurity. Advance always comes through adversity. The purposeless waters of a mighty river will, when held in check and properly harnessed, become the source of almost unlimited power. Power is produced under pressure. The steam which so quickly loses itself in space, when confined within the boiler of an engine drives huge locomotives and mighty steam ships.

When God was leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt, and they found themselves hemmed in by mountains, the sea, and the Egyptian army, His command to them was "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord". They had to be shut in, cut off from all outside sources, completely held in check by everything around them, and then cease trying to extricate themselves at God's command, before He said to Moses, "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward". Their strength lay in being held back until released in God's time and in His might. When God pulled the throttle, and Israel was let loose under the mighty hand of Jehovah, something had to happen—the old Red Sea just had to part and let them through.

The individual life functions under the same law. There must be a time of getting ready, a time of storing up, a time of concentrating of resources. Those who have succeeded in the past have at some time realized this, and obtained an education, learned a trade, or in some way prepared themselves for the tasks of life. Those who succeed spiritually must learn that not all of life is activity. There must be times of storing up, not only of the resources of the heart through prayerful devotion, but also a storing up of God's grace against a time of emergency. Many failures in time of temptation, and drawing back from a call to service, are experienced because of the lack of that preparation. There must always be more of the graces of the spirit held in reserve than appear on the surface, just as only a small fraction of an iceberg can be seen above the level of the water.

Then sometimes God calls a halt. Nor is it always when we are in danger of rushing ahead unwisely. Often times, in preparation for some greater task, He takes us from something immediately at hand, lays us aside, puts us on the shelf, hems us in by circumstances on all sides, and then speaks in a still small voice: "Stand still". But He has a purpose—that we may "see the salvation of the Lord". Many a person while preparing for his life's work has found himself in this position, only to realize later on that God's plan was enlarging for them. Sometimes all that can be seen are circumstances which "surround like iron mountains", but God is preparing them for something better. When we have tasted some of life's bitter experiences, have faced the forces of the enemy of our souls, and have had to drink deep from the fountains of sustaining grace, then it is that God's command to "go forward" will open Red Seas, destroy our enemies, and cause us to be "more than conquerors through Him that hath loved us".

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NOTICE

The Young People's Convention of District No. 4, will convene at Sandford, Saturday evening, December 8th, 1934. Societies kindly have delegates appointed and reports forwarded.

E. WINNIFRED SHAW,
Secretary.

The Young People's Page is calling for suggestive topics for use in society meetings. Send them to the Editor of this page at Centreville, N. B.

BE FERVENT IN SPIRIT

By Flora M. O. Brown.

These are days when it seems that the great essential for Christians is to keep the glory on their souls. Satan is bidding high for our young people, and the only way we can outbid him is to keep the fire burning on our own hearts and make others hungry for something that satisfies. It is a fact that the sight of food causes the mouth to water, and this truth will carry over into the spiritual realm. The unsaved may be made to hunger and thirst after righteousness by the fervent prayer or testimony of one who is "filled with all the fullness of God". We ourselves have often been caused to long for a deeper experience by someone who had an overflowing blessing, have we not? Then let us keep our hearts aglow with heavenly love for the glory of God and the inspiration of those who are looking to us for help.

There is a grave danger these busy days of letting our love leak out. When Captain Scott's party was returning from their journey to the South Pole, they found that a great deal of the fuel oil which they had left in various depots, had leaked out; and it was indeed a serious loss. We also know that financial leakage spells ruin. If, then, it is important in the material world to guard against leakage, how much more necessary is it that the flame of love in our hearts should not be allowed to burn low! Dr. George Watson says, "Love is like a flame or a volatile fluid; it is not like a rigid fixed substance. It is ever in a fine, subtle motion, and needs constant feeding. A piece of wood is solid and stationary in its form, remaining the same year after year; but the soft quivering flame is very different. So you may have the clear specific doctrine of sanctification fixed as an unchanging truth in your mind, and yet the quivering flame of love in your heart is another thing; and persons who were once truly sanctified may go on holding the well-defined doctrine and testimony of Holiness, while, unconsciously, the fragrance and warmth of holy love have leaked out of the heart. We must keep the affections pure and warm and tender at any cost".

How may we check up on ourselves? We do not have to go out and deliberately commit some great sin to lose this sweetness out of our souls. It may be something which is known only to ourselves and God. Mrs. Wesley wrote to her son John, "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind—that thing, to you, is sin".

How can we avoid such leakage? By reading inspiring holiness literature, by constant watchfulness and obedience to the Holy Spirit.