

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

The Young People's Societies of District No. 4 met at Port Maitland on Saturday evening March 3, 1934.

Meeting opened with hymn "Sunlight". Scripture reading by Gordon Symonds, James 4. Prayers by Brothers Gordon Symonds, Edward Smith and Robert Landers.

Sole by Brother Norman Trafton. Roll Call of delegates: Miss Viola Churchill, Sandford; Mrs. Stella Stanton, Port Maitland; Miss Grace Sanders, Woods Harbor.

There were written reports from the following societies, Sandford, Port Maitland and Woods Harbor, also a verbal report from Miss Grace Sanders. Duet by Mrs. Raymond Smith and Miss Marguerite Trafton.

Then followed a very interesting and helpful talk by Brother Norman Trafton, from James 4:14, "For What is Your Life?". Benediction by Rev. H. C. Mullen.

God's blessing was upon the service. We as young people see much land ahead to be possessed and mean by God's grace to keep going on.

MRS. R. H. LANDERS, Secretary.

## PSALM 24:7.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates"—lift them high, Jesus your king as a Conqueror nigh, Our Lord was a Victor—He conquers today; Yet He suffered and drank from the brook by the way.

And though I may suffer, a victor I'll be, He sweetened the "waters of Mara" for me. So "lift up your heads, O ye gates" as of yore, Your redemption is nigh, even now at the door."

HAZEL F. WEBB

## ROYALTON SOCIETY

The Royalton Young People's Society had a very interesting service on Good Friday, March 30th. We had a program consisting of readings, recitations and Easter songs. Then the pastor gave a short talk on the 17th chapter of John, the prayer of Jesus before His crucifixion. A testimony meeting followed. There were thirty-four present at this service. Ours is a society which is alive and growing.

E. M. BLANEY, Reporter.

## THE PRAYING LIFE

Prayer is to the spiritual life what air is to the physical. Make it a rule not to talk to man at the beginning of the day until you have talked to God. Each day is a new life; make sure of a good beginning by starting the day with prayer and a verse out of the Bible to think about through the day. Have your affections set on "things above, not on things on the earth".

Finish each day as you begin it—on your knees with God. Be young people of prayer. None are very useful in God's service who neglect this duty. All who win great victories for God in public must get their strength in secret prayer. Enter into your closet and seek His will. Our Savior spent nights in prayer, and He is our great example.

When we are in doubt about doing some things or going to some places of amusement, it is a good plan to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?", and do as we think He would do if He were in our place.

"Prayer makes the Christians armor bright, Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw, Satan trembles when he sees, The weakest saint upon his knees."

R. M. C.

## EDITORIAL

### AFTER EASTER, WHAT?

Before Christ ever came to earth, certain heathen people celebrated a day in spring which seems to have anticipated our Easter. They would array themselves in their finest apparel to represent the flowers and foliage of spring, and go through many ceremonies of worship and rejoicing. This occasion was the celebration of the break-up of winter and the coming of spring. They knew that nature would be faithful for another season. It was a signal for them to begin the preparation of soil and seed for planting, in order to reap a bountiful harvest a few months later. After the celebrations, they started their summer work.

Easter has come and gone, and we rejoice that we have been made partakers of the life of Him who "is alive for evermore". But we know that since we live, others may live also. Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, today and forever", and what He has done He can do again. What He has done for us He can do for others. Easter tells us that He is faithful and will produce another harvest of souls. It is also the signal to begin preparation of soil and seed, and expect a great living harvest.

There is no time like right now to begin plans to advance our young people's work. The world is taking on new life and everyone wants to be doing something. Let us keep busy in the work of the Lord. We can make this summer the most fruitful one our organization has known, and come up to Beulah camp with flying colors—new societies, increased membership, and a fountain of holy fervor. One way in which this can be done is being shown us by the rally which is to be held at Fredericton, May 24-27. There is no better way to grow than to get together and let the Lord bless us collectively. New inspiration will be gained, and we shall go back home with new ideas, fresh vigor, and stronger faith. New doors of service will be opened to us, and a new determination will possess us.

This is only one method of advance. We shall meet many difficulties, but we must go ahead. The ark of God was never meant to stand still, because it was made with rings and staves with which to carry it. God is with His ark to give victory, and Easter is our guarantee. As Jesus said to His disciples, "Greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

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Editor Y. P. Page.

## NOTE

The Y. P. Secretary of District No. 2 requests that we start to pray for the coming rally at Fredericton, May 24-27. The program committee has been appointed, and plans will soon be under way. Let us expect God to give us a wonderful meeting.

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE BIBLE

By Rev. I. F. Kierstead.

"Who will have all men to be saved and come to an (accurate) knowledge of the truth". 1 Tim. 2:4.

"We are finding you out," said a Brahmin to a missionary. "You are not as good as your Book. If you were, you could conquer India for Christ in five years."

If we are to become as good as our Book we must have a complete knowledge of the fundamental truths it contains. We understand the

original Greek would justify one in inserting the word "accurate" in the above text.

People frequently say, "It matters not very much what one believes so long as he is sincere". The fallacy of such a notion is clearly expressed by Cowper in the following lines:

"Man on the dubious waves of error tossed,  
His ship half foundered and his compass lost,  
Sees, far as human optics may command,  
A sleeping dog, and fancies it dry land;  
Spreads all his canvas, every sinew plies,  
Pants for it, aims for it, and dies.  
Then farewell all self-satisfying schemes,  
His well built systems, philosophic dreams;  
Deceitful views of future bliss, farewell.  
He reads his sentence at the flames of Hell.  
Hard lot of man to toil for his reward  
Of virtue, and yet lose it.—Wherefore hard?  
He who would win the race must guide his horse

Obedient to the custom of the course;  
Else, though unequalled to the goal he flies,  
A meaner than himself shall gain the prize.  
Grace leads the right way; if you choose the wrong,

Take it and perish."

But Christ has sent the spirit of truth that "He may guide us into all truth." What then? We must in our hearts choose the truth. But we can only intelligently make choice of that which we understand. Study the Bible then for an understanding of the truth, which makes us free from error, sin and bondage, and free to express a life of holiness corresponding with such lives as are expressed in living characters in the Book.

The teachings of the Bible should be interwoven and entwined with our whole civic, social and spiritual life. A man came on one occasion to his pastor and with an air of pride said, "I have been through the Bible five times this year." "But," said his pastor, "How many times has the Bible been through you?"—a question which we all may ponder to profit. He reads and hears God's word well who seeks earnestly and diligently to realize it in his life. The meekness of Moses and of Christ may be interesting as a matter of history, but we will appreciate more and remember better and longer that bit of history, if it is written upon the fleshy tablets of our hearts. Let us read then of the virtues of the Bible in order that they may be enacted again in the drama of our own lives.

## How to read the Bible:

First, we should read it quickly, one book at a time, to get the general thought and purpose of the writer. Several such readings may be necessary before we undertake to dive deeper.

Second, we should read carefully and prayerfully, going into the meaning of every word, examining every sentence.

Third, let us read and study our Bible as regularly as we take our meals, or comb our hair. Regularity is one of the first laws of health and progress. Read always seeking for and depending upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and illumination. He is the author of the Book and is most competent to conduct us into its truths.

Let us read to feed our own souls. We are in the world but not of it. Our bread should be of a spiritual nature, coming down from our Father's table. Upon his table there is "bread enough and to spare."

"Doubt is the vestibule of unbelief."

"No man shall drag me down by making me hate him"—Booker T. Washington.