

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

RALLY, DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Young People of Dist. No. 1 will hold a Rally at Royalton, Oct. 4th and 5th. The first service will be Thursday, Oct. 4th, at 2.30 p. m., and on Friday there will be three meetings. A good program has been planned and we hope that these services will bring a blessing to all. Please send reports of your work and appoint delegates for the business session Friday morning. Pray much and try to come and help. We need all the young people in the district to make this Rally even better than the one in Fredericton last spring. FLORA M. O. BROWN,
(Sect'y Dist. No. 1)

EDITORIAL

WISE AND OTHERWISE

A young man was offered a position with a large manufacturing company, which promised a good salary. He accepted, went to work, and because he was ambitious, saw opportunities for advancement and set himself to the task of making the top. He was faithful in every detail of his work. He was very strict in conforming to every wish of his employer. He ceased to think of ever taking up any other occupation. He left home to work among strangers at a distant branch of the company, and put up with many inconveniences and disappointments. But he read books and studied evenings to better acquaint himself with the business. The result was that he was respected by all his fellow employees, was rapidly advanced, and became a successful business man.

The same young man was saved in a revival meeting, and then didn't come to the church for nearly a week. He came to Sunday services quite regularly, but usually found something that had to be attended to on prayer meeting night. He never prayed in public, and testified only occasionally because it was hard. He read a chapter from the Bible once in a while, and prayer in the morning if he got up in time, and at night if he was not too tired. He found it hard to give up his old habits and associations, and in fact he never made a complete break with the world. He seldom helped out with any work in the church because, as he said, he had no ability along that line. For years he rebelled against a call to the Lord's work. And he was continually heard to remark how hard it was to live a Christian life. This young man did not actually live, but quite often his attitude is seen among Christian people. The need for diligence and faithfulness in the secular pursuits of life is very evident and is generally agreed upon, but the enemy of our souls has made young people think that the Christian life is too hard, that God's requirements are too severe, and that God's mercy will allow all kinds of carelessness and negligence, just so long as a profession is maintained. But that is not so. That is what makes the way hard. A real Christian experience can only be obtained and kept by obedience to God's will and careful attention to all the means of grace. "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God."

HARVEY J. S. BLANEY,
Ed. Y. P. Page.

TO THE READERS OF

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The Young People's Society of Westchester are glad to report victory through Him who is able to do far above all that we can ask or think. For some months past the interest in our work

has not been very good. We found it hard to keep in existence because our numbers are small and we have been without a pastor. But prayer always changes things, and God sent Young People's Convention along just at the time it was most needed, and it has truly proved a great blessing to our work. The words of encouragement from the older brethren, and the inspiration received from the testimonies of the visiting delegates, has caused us to take hold with renewed zeal and to determine to keep true to God. Some of our members have got back to the Lord, for which we praise Him. Please pray for us that God might use us for His glory.

MINNIE L. RUSHTON, Reporter.

NATIVE DEPRAVITY

By Rev. G. A. Rogers

If we were to deal with the subject of Native Ability and should come to individuals for their personal testimony, we would find two distinct groups—those with a superiority complex and those with an inferiority complex. But our subject of Native Depravity involves the entire world, and puts man in one distinct class. Moral or Native Depravity is universal. All have sinned. Here is the background of sin with all its manifestations, the reason for the atonement of Christ, and the necessity for the New Birth and Sanctification.

Depravity is defined by the Standard Dictionary as follows: (1) The state of being corrupt; moral degeneracy. (2) Sinful perversion of nature, especially as inherited from Adam.—Theological. The word depravity is derived from the Latin "de pravus". "Pravus" means crooked and "de" means intensive. De pravus means very crooked. Depravity is in us and of us, but is a moral rather than a physical condition.

We shall give proofs of the moral depravity of man. Let us note as follows: (1) The evil tendency in man is a strong proof of the depravity in man. We obtain this idea by observation. We observe events, and their commonness gives us a notion of tendency in all cases. Thus we judge the tendencies in the natural world. It may be in minerals, vegetables, or animals. This principle is valid for the habits of human life. We judge men by the uniformity of their actions. With all the differences of temperament, social conditions, education, moral and religious training, there is the uniformity of sinful action. This evil tendency is a proof of native depravity. The tall and corrupt man is "of his own nature inclined to evil, and that continually".

(2) A careful study of secular history proves to any rational man that the moral nature is corrupt. Both secular and sacred history teach that depravity is universal. Their pages are covered with accounts of the many ways that sin has continually manifested itself. Religious conscience joins sacred and secular history and declares that the moral nature of man is depraved. The good lives in the world are no disproof of this fact, because the grace of redemption and the work of the Spirit have had indirect as well as direct results. Civilization has been influenced by the light and power of the Gospel. In fact it has always been preceded by the Gospel. The very best people in any race in the world will say that at some time they had sin in their hearts. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God".

One attempt to account for the universality of sin is on the ground of evil example and education. These are strong forces in life to turn

many in the wrong direction; but "To make them to account for the universality of sin would be to make the part account for the whole", is the thought of Mr. Miley. There is a tendency or inclination in man that is susceptible to the influence of bad example and improper education. This tendency is the characteristic fact and proof of native depravity.

(3) The character of infancy is connected with the subject of depravity. The entire race with the exception of Adam and Eve, either commenced or will commence their existence in infancy. Up to the years of accountability the child may be innocent, but is not pure. "The wicked—go astray as soon as they be born". This is what the Scripture says concerning depravity in the child. A careful study of the manifestations and traits of children substantiates the thought that the race is depraved from infancy.

DISTRICT NO. 2 CONVENTION

The Young People's Convention of District No. 2 was held at Westchester, N. S., Saturday, Sept. 8th. Roll call found delegates from Amherst, St. John, Killam's Mills, and Westchester. Reports were read from a number of different societies, after which verbal reports were given from the societies represented at the Convention. The Secretary read a report of the Annual Convention at Beulah. Miss Hilda Doyle gave a brief report of the work on the district in connection with the Young People's Page.

A paper, "Our Aim", was read by Miss Pansy Chapman, who brought before us our purpose in promoting Holiness among the young people, both by precept and example.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Pansy Chapman; Vice-President, Miss Hilda Doyle; Secretary, Miss Muriel Wright.

An inspiring talk was given by Brother Cosman, who used as his theme "The Preacher's Sounding Board". He emphasized that we should carry the preached word to a lost world, and live so our lives would witness for Christ and His Gospel. A vote of thanks was given Brother Cosman for this very inspiring message. The meeting closed with prayer by Brother Cosman.

A devotional service was held on Sunday evening from six until seven o'clock, led by Brother Lee Hicks. A good song service was followed by scripture reading and prayer. The leader used as his topic "The Courage and Stability of Daniel." The meeting was opened for testimonies, which proved to be a real blessing to all.

HAZEL WEBB, Secretary.

The Moncton Society has much to thank the Lord for these days when there is so much to attract young people away from meetings. We are glad to report that the interest in our meetings has been greatly improved by our recent study of the Bible. In the course of our study ten questions are given to the senior members, and ten to the junior members at each Friday night meeting, and the answers returned on the following Friday night. These answers are marked by a committee appointed for that purpose. In this way we are getting a better knowledge of the Bible.

Street work is being carried on, and God is blessing us in our efforts. We are still praying and trusting for the extension of the Lord's work among all our young people.

GUY LEOPOLD, Report.