

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

ATTITUDES

Last spring I heard Dr. R. T. Williams talk to a group of preachers on the attitude they should take toward their work. In substance he said that a preacher is successful or an utter failure, depending on the attitude he takes toward his preaching and the difficulties he meets with. If that be true for preachers, why is it not just as true for young people?

If a fellow says at the beginning that he just can't do that piece of work, he never will. But if he says "I'll try, and do my best," ten chances to one he will succeed. If he stands back and complains of having so much to do that he is almost worked to death, he will waste enough time to do the job and will never get it finished. But if he is glad that he has something to do and thankful for strength to do it, his work will be easy and he will have time to spare. It all lies in his attitude. If he continually thinks that too much is required of him, of course there is, because he will never accomplish anything feeling like that. But if he is proud of the confidence placed in him and determined to see everything through, he will succeed. The man who thinks he is beaten really is. The man who never knows when he is beaten is going to win. Emerson says, "He who thinks success, has turned his back on failure."

What is true for life in general is true in the christian life. The attitude one takes toward the things of God will set the standard of his christian experience. His attitude toward God's requirements and promises determines whether he is rich in the things of God, or a spiritual pauper. When a person complains because God asks that some pleasure or cherished trifle be given up, or murmurs under trial, or questions God's directions, he is preventing the Lord's best for him, when God is trying to prune and refine him that he may "come forth as gold".

Many a young man has ruined his life by holding back when God points out the path of duty. He lets natural timidity get the best of him, and says he "can't do it," or he "can do something else better", and finally decides he won't try. A willing attitude in the start would have saved him from being a castaway from God and a misfit in life. How many people have really wanted to do God's will, but because the way wasn't as easy as they expected it to be took the "I can't" or the "I don't want to", or the "it isn't fair" attitude, and failed completely. It is the "I can, I will" spirit that succeeds, the spirit that says "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

—HARVEY J. S. BLANEY, Ed. Y. P. Page.

DOS AND DON'TS FOR YOUR SOCIETY

- Pray, then plan, then do.
- Plan every service.
- Make your services interesting to the unsaved as well as helpful to Christians.
- Don't forget that everyone loves music.
- Every member be a reader of the Y. P. Page.
- Don't forget your New Year resolutions.

Every member be a reader of the King's Highway.

SIN

John Wesley's mother once wrote to him when he was in college: "Would you judge of the lawfulness or unlawfulness of pleasure, take this rule: "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off your relish of spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind, that thing to YOU is SIN."—Selected.

NOTE

We have promise of some very fine material for our page in the issues to come. Several new sources of material are being investigated and some suggestions worked upon. All of our readers will be pleased to know that Dr. Peter Wiseman will be one of the contributors in the near future. Pray for our work on the Young People's Page.

H. J. S. B.

Moncton, N. B.

The young people of District No. 2, had charge of the Sunday evening service from 6 to 7 p. m. at the quarterly meeting held at Moncton. Meeting opened by singing Hymn No. 31 and 40. A short testimony followed, Hymns No. 52 was then sung. Prayer was offered by a member of the young people present at the quarterly meeting. Duet, "Only Jesus Satisfies", by Muriel Wright and Iola Mitton. The President of the district, (Miss Pansy Chapman) brought a message found in Romans 12:2. "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Our hearts were encouraged as young people to press the battle for God and holiness.

Trusting this New Year will find us spending much time in prayer for the salvation of the young people round about us. Meeting closed by Benediction by Rev. H. E. Mullen.

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MISSIONARY LETTER

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Dear Young People:

It is with great joy and blessing that I have read in the Highway of the formation of your Society, and its progress, and of the wonderful way God is blessing you and the number who have already come forward. May God continue His richest blessing on this great work, and the number of precious young lives devoted to His cause and service continue to increase. Our heart's love and prayer is with you.

Reading of your success and blessing has put a great hunger upon my heart to see a similar work among our young Zulus. These young people have to spend six months of every year in service to their white land owner, and very few of these have any desire to see them saved, and many do all in their power to prevent them from being Christians, burning their primers, and forbidding them to pray while they are in their service.

The cattle in this district have increased greatly during the past few years, and it falls to the lot of the small boys to herd these, which

keeps them all busy, especially in summer, making it almost impossible to get any of them to come to school, or go to meeting on Sunday. The fathers and mothers, many of them are required to work at certain seasons for the white man, usually just their own busiest season. The little girls have almost complete care of the babies, so it is very hard to get the little girls and boys either to school or to meeting.

While in Durban I met a young Holiness Missionary Lady who told me about her wonderful work among the young Pondos. She told me that she has four "Sunday Schools" per week, three held on week days. In one of these she has four hundred children and they are all there on time for an early Morning Sunday School which she teaches alone in a native hut, with no Sunday School outfit at all but the Bible and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. She says that nearly every one of them are saved. I asked her how she got such a number to come, and she told me that she offered a dress to each one who came six Sundays in succession, and promised to keep on coming. Dresses for five or six hundred little Pondo's seemed quite an item, but friends in the Homeland supplied these.

Our Sunday School which my sister Grace started, and which has continued since under God's blessing averaging between thirty and fifty, has several times seen a clean sweep of every member finding the Lord as their Saviour. One of these since my return from Durban.

I believe there are fully four hundred children within reach of this Mission Station who should be in a Sunday School and should be reached for Christ before their hearts grow hard and dark in their heathen environment. Thinking and praying over this matter we decided to give Miss Biffen's plan a trial, and offer a dress, to the girls, trousers to the boys or Testaments or Hymn books to those who prefer them. The number of Sundays we put at twenty-four, but offered to count two Sundays for each new member whom they succeeded in winning.

God has put His seal on our efforts, and the little ones are coming from far and near, each Sunday sees an increase of from twenty to twenty-five, and the interest is growing rapidly. Our first announcement was made the last Sunday in October, and we have now over 150 on the roll.

Some are very earnest in their efforts to bring new members. A very interesting part of the program is when they come up front with the new ones whom they have brought in. One girl, the second Sunday had seven, and one of her new ones brought a new one with him. The third Sunday though she had to stay home and keep house in her mother's absence, she sent three new ones to say she had won them, and one of these brought two of her own and has since brought four more.

Yesterday this girl, Ethel Mtctwa, and another who each have won ten new members and attended four Sundays were presented with a dress. We are planning a short program of recitation of verses, singing, etc., and inviting the parents and relatives to a Christmas tree for the Sunday School and Native Workers. Next Sunday each child is to bring an offering of three pennies in cash or kind for this Christmas celebration. We want to buy tea, sugar and flour and serve the parents with buns and tea. This we