

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

NOTE

The Annual Convention is not many days away. Let all societies have their reports in, their money paid in to the Self-denial and General Funds, and delegates appointed. And let everybody come to Beulah Camp.

GREY'S MILLS SOCIETY

We are glad to be able to report victory through the previous blood of Jesus. We hold our meetings on Sunday evenings, and they are times of real spiritual uplift and blessing to all of our members. Our president and other leaders have done splendid work, and we are looking forward to another season of work and joy in the Lord.

Yours to do His will,

FAITH BRADLEY, Secretary.

HEAD OF MILLSTREAM SOCIETY

We are glad to report victory through the name of Jesus. We continue to hold our meetings on Friday evenings, and during the winter months we met in our different homes. Our hearts were encouraged to see some souls saved and others sanctified. Although some have since become discouraged, we are holding them up before the Lord in prayer, believing that He will do still greater things for us. We feel like pressing the battle harder than ever, and our prayer is that we may live so close to the Lord and enjoy His blessing so much that other young people will become hungry for this great salvation.

HELEN V. HAYES, Reporter.

THE FREDERICTON RALLY

The rally held at Fredericton, May 24-27, was a success from first to last. A goodly number of delegates were present and the services were well attended. Several of the preaching services closed with souls finding victory at the altar, and we were pleased with the evangelistic spirit which prevailed. At the afternoon meetings several excellent papers were read, two of which appear in condensed form on this page—one by Rev. L. T. Sabine, the other by Miss Emma Trafton. Another on "Methods in Young People's Work," by Mrs. Blaney, will appear later.

It was decided to hold another rally in the fall, the time and place to be decided upon when we meet at Beulah Camp Meeting.

AMHERST, N. S., SOCIETY

We are sorry that we are unable to report complete victory. However, those who are standing true are steadily advancing into the deeper things of God. Miss Pansy Chapman, our president, is not able to be with us just now, but we have our regular meetings under the supervision of our pastor who is a true shepherd of his flock, and carries the burden of our work upon his heart.

Bro. Dunlap's recent visit was a great blessing to us, and we are glad that God sent him our way. We are not despondent for God is with us and we truly love Him; we praise Him for, and enjoy the beautiful teachings of Holiness. There is much blessing upon our services, and we are determined to "hold fast that which is good."

MADALINE CHAPMAN, Reporter.

Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.—Selected.

WHAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY EXPECTS FROM THE PASTOR

Miss Emma Trafton

The pastor is our leader. He is our leader because he is God's messenger. As he fills this position we look to him for direction and guidance, while he brings us food from God's word that we may grow. We expect him to keep in touch with God, that he may receive instruction from Him and get living messages for us. The pastor should realize that this is a great responsibility. I believe that our pastors do, and have an interest in us and want to see us develop in the things of the Kingdom. I believe that God's true ministers are divinely called, and because of this are placed in a position where they are able to lead and instruct others.

We expect our pastor to be a praying man. It is through prayer that we keep in touch with God, and surely no one needs that vital communion more than God's own messenger. Elisha realized his need of a divine anointing and prayed that a double portion of Elijah's spirit should fall upon him. Even Jesus found it necessary to go away to pray.

We should look to our pastor as our councillor. Those of us who have Christian parents know that in times of perplexity we can go to them for advice. We should also feel that our pastor is in a position to give us advice, especially in connection with anything relative to our Christian experience or the interests of God's Kingdom. Many times when the battle is hard and the enemy presses sore, our pastor comes with words of encouragement.

We expect our pastor to be a good example. We do not look for human perfection from anyone, and our pastor is human; yet he must be upright, honest in all his dealings with others, and an example of good works and devotion to the cause of God.

We like to have our pastor present at our meetings. It encourages us and makes us feel that he is interested in our welfare.

In closing I would say that we each have our place to fill; we are workers together with Christ. Then let us labor faithfully in the Master's service, that at the close of life we may be able to say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

WHAT THE PASTOR EXPECTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Rev. L. T. Sabine

In introducing this subject, our attention is drawn to a statement of the Apostle John who addresses three classes, the children, the fathers, and the young men. (And no violence is done to the thought if we should read "Young People.") We ask, why does the apostle change the age order and put the young people last? The answer is doubtless that among the three classes, these are the ones to whom Saint John's heart goes out most in sympathy, yearning and hope. They are, more than the others, in his immediate thoughts—they are now to enter active work, share burdens, meet problems, and face the subtle temptations of the great adversary. They are the immediate foundation of the rising church. Then he gives to them the warning, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the

world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

We interpret this to mean that the pastor's first requirement for the young people should be SPIRITUALITY. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." This is the greatest passion of the pastor toward his young people. As the shepherd, he finds his greatest delight in bringing new lambs into the fold and assisting them to become adults in Christ. He expects the young people to desire the best—to hunger and thirst for the deep things of God, which carries with it the blessing of the Good Shepherd.

To be truly spiritual, one must be deeply in love with the church of God, the result of which is the second desire of the pastor for the young people—LOYALTY. Loyalty, not to selfish interests or to a pet theory, but as expressed in the Master's demand when he said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"; as verified in the motto, "Lift where you stand"; and in the song, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." The home instinct should be cultivated, and OUR CHURCH, OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL, OUR MISSIONARY SOCIETY, and OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY, as a first obligation, should be fostered with all zeal and pushed to the limit of capacity.

This estimate quality, loyalty, has as an intimate ally CO-OPERATION. No pastor can succeed without it. It is one of the most important features of church work. The pastor needs the co-operation of the young people, not only in the various departments of church work, such as faithfulness in attendance, and readiness to do what they may be asked, but in reaching the hand of others, by influence and personal invitation. "We have found the Messiah." "Where?" "Come and see," is still the method of spreading the knowledge of the Redeemer and bringing the world to Him.

Again, the pastor expects the CONFIDENCE of the young people, and appreciates the readiness and willingness with which any problem may be referred to him, and as far as possible making him a consulting partner.

Lastly, we would mention EDUCATION. It is said that God puts no premium on ignorance. With the advantages of today, an average education is open to all. The college and university training is to be desired and obtained if possible, but if this is not in line for us, we can still do much to obtain a working Christian education. Our denomination has a Home Study Course as a minimum qualification for the Christian ministry, but it is open to everybody. With diligent application of ourselves, with the aid of proper helps, and the persistent persual of the best writers in religious thought, we may come near to the exhortation of the Apostle Paul, who said "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Refuse to read the trashy novel. Buy or borrow and read the best books you can get. Cultivate the desire for sound, wholesome literature, and see how your souls will thrive and grow. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Jesus said, "Study the scriptures."

In II Peter, 1:5-11, we have the apostle's recipe for the very best which the Bible promises to the child of God, and knowledge is one