

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

The Young People's Societies of District No. 4, met at Brazil Lake, Saturday evening, September 22nd, with a large attendance. Reports were read from the following Societies: Wood's Harbor, Port Maitland and Yarmouth. These Societies gave encouraging reports for the last quarter.

Mrs. Raymond Smith sang a solo. A paper entitled "Important Things for Young People" which was prepared by Edward Perry, was read by Mrs. Chester Watkins. Gordon Symonds spoke, taking as his theme "Our duty to the Young and Rising Generation". Remarks by pastor, Rev. P. J. Trafton, after which meeting closed.

WINNIFRED SHAW, Secretary.

DISTRICT NO. 1 RALLY

The second Young People's Rally of District No. 1 held at Royalton is now history, and I wish I could convey a portion of the strength and blessing which I received on my soul while there, to those who may read these few lines.

The opening service on Thursday afternoon was in charge of Rev. J. A. Owens, who used as his text Nehemiah 4:6—"So built we the wall;—for the people had a mind to work". He showed us what we could accomplish for Christ if we surrendered our lives to Him, thus allowing Him the use of our talents, whether great or small. In closing, Brother Owens requested Miss Audrey Brawn to sing "When I Said the Last Yes", which was truly a climax to the message and created a blessed spirit in the service. Many of us testified that we were never in a service where the power of the Holy Spirit was more manifest in stamping the truths of God's word on hearts. Praise His name!

In the evening a beautiful solo was sung by Miss Flora Brown. Rev. F. A. Watson then brought the message from Psalm 103:4. "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction". He first admonished us to be more free in our praising God, and then brought out the blessed possibilities of a life saved from destruction in youth and spent for God, compared to one saved after middle life.

The Love Feast on Friday morning was the source of more rich thoughts as Rev. H. L. Robertson based his remarks on Col. 1:19, telling us of the unlimited resources of God's grace. The annual business session followed. Roll call found delegates from five societies. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. H. J. S. Blaney; Vice-President, Rev. H. L. Robertson; Secretary, Miss Blanche G. Young. Four good reports were read, also an encouraging verbal report from the work at Royalton. An invitation from Woodstock was accepted for the next rally. It was passed on motion that we hold quarterly rallies, rather than having a service at the Quarterly Meetings of the church, the time and place to be left with the executive.

At the beginning of the afternoon service a splendid paper was read by Miss Maude Campbell on "Why Have a Young People's Society". A short talk was then given by the writer on the Self-Denial and General Fund. Oh! Let us not neglect this important part of our work, dear ones. Rev. S. G. Hilyard then brought us a searching message from Exodus 13:19. "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him". He used his points as spiritual bones of responsibility which must compose our structure and plan of living if we are to please God. These "bones" were the Sabbath, the Home, and the Church.

God's seal was upon this message to such an extent that the older ministers suggested that it be preached at the next Quarterly, so that many more might be blessed and profited by it.

In the evening service two solos were sung by Miss Audrey Brawn and Rev. F. A. Watson. The closing message was preached by Rev. F. A. Dunlop, from 11 Corinthians 6:2, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation". His three major points were: The importance of investing our time and talents in resources which will give the largest dividends; the great power of influence; and the uncertainty of life. This was a powerful and impressive message.

Thus closed a real profitable Rally, and I am sure that we as young people felt highly honored by having eight of our ministers present. We appreciated their presence and assistance very much, which encourages us to be more for Christ, our pastors, and our churches.

BLANCHE G. YOUNG, Secretary.

EDITORIAL

WHAT IS A RALLY?

Some words are inadequate to express all that we wish to say by them. The word "rally" does not quite define what is really meant by the kind of a meeting we had at Royalton on October 4th and 5th, but some people like to use the term because it seems to better express the enthusiasm of a young people's gathering. Some call the same thing a convention, although others think it is too conventional a term, and too much pertaining to formal business procedure. Probably to call it a Young People's Holiness Convention would be better. But tasting is always better than being told, and no matter what we name it, one of the best gatherings I know of is for a group of young people to Rally to a Holiness Convention.

After having been to two such occasions during the past year, I have come to the conclusion that our societies will be the worse off if we try to get along without having some more of them. In fact, we have had such good times that I feel it is very unfortunate for any young person to have to stay home from one. If people knew the wonderful times we have, they would come by car and truck load in such large numbers as to just about eat the entertaining church out of house and home. The home society would be lost in the crowd. A miniature camp meeting at its best would be a poor description. No one who has ever come can be the same afterward. God sends His blessing and tells us that He is pleased with these kinds of efforts in behalf of His cause. It is here that we learn better what others are doing, are made to feel sorry that we have done so little, and inspired to work for the Lord as never before. We cannot compete with the amusements of the world, but we have something that for mere pleasure's sake, aside from all spiritual blessings, is far more satisfying and lasting. There is real joy in mingling ones testimony with those of other Christian young people. There is real strength in the prayers of others. There is real soul satisfaction in trying to win others to Christ. And there is real soul food to be found in the excellent papers that are read, and in the sermons of our ministers who are co-operating with us in such a wonderful way. These conventions give promise of becoming one of the greatest blessings to our young people's

work. The blessing from the last one "lingers with me yet."

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

IMPORTANT THINGS

By J. Edward Perry

"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established". Proverbs, 4:26.

The present age is probably the fastest in the world's history. We are living in an age of speed. In their mad rush for the things of the world, people are ever running thoughtlessly on through life—to what end, they do not stop to think.

Down through the ages comes the challenge, "Ponder the path of thy feet". It is a regrettable fact today that most people live a day at a time. Their plans for the future span only a few short days. Most people seem to have lost the power to plan for the future. It is easier to live a day at a time and let the future take care of itself.

Business men, before embarking on an important venture, carefully plan their way. Business entered into thoughtlessly generally fails. The same holds true in the "business of life". A young couple in Toronto joined the Oxford Movement, and were led to see that their lives had no definite purpose. They thought the matter over, and finally decided to start each day with Bible reading, prayer, and planning the day's work. Like most men in the city, the husband had to go to work early, so it was a real sacrifice on his part. In telling of their decision he said, "You would be surprised if you knew the difference it has made in our lives. Before, our days slipped away unprofitably; now our plans are made and prayed over in the morning. The days pass with a consciousness of God's presence, and end with something accomplished". Most people in commenting on this, would laugh and say, "Oh, that takes too much time. I'm after the more important things of life." This brings up the question: What are the more important things of life?

The advice of most people could be summarized thus: Go to it, young people. Seek a position in life; get a good education; have your living, and when you get old you can think of the more serious things and of religion. The most important thing to the vast majority of folk today is riches. They think that if they get money they will be happy, and spend their lives serving Mammon. Often the rights of others are disregarded; often dishonest means are used. But the end of this path is bitter disappointment.

Other people are not content unless they have a so-called good social position. It is essential to them that they belong to the upper crust of society. To another class the all-important thing is education. Their time is wholly occupied with learning. They struggle to the highest peak of educational endeavor. They worship education, but in their pursuit after knowledge they often lose sight of the finer things of life and their belief in God. Now do not misunderstand me. I would be the last person to belittle the value of a good education. But education without God is ignorance. Education plus God is a big factor in any person's life. I would that we had more well educated people in our denomination. In other words, a spirit-filled educated man can be a bigger power for God than a spirit-filled uneducated man. All of us cannot have a