

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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"THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL . . ."

In the life of the Christian, from the earliest days of experience to the last triumphant hour of the last day of development in the maturity of holy character, the will of God should always be the high guiding principle of choice and action.

The perfect adjustment of the attitude of our will to the will of God in the renouncing of sinful pleasures and practises, paves the way for the receiving into our hearts of the sweet peace of justifying grace; a complete abandonment of our will to Him in the renunciation of self, makes possible our receiving of the gracious experience of sanctifying fullness; and the maintaining of our relationship of peace with God, and the retaining in our hearts of the peace of God, as well as progress and growth in spiritual life after we have "left these principles", are constantly dependent on our possessing the spirit of obedience which cries, "Thy will be done."

The demands of His will are not always pleasant in their prospect, but the results of our obedience to the Divine requirements invariably cause us to respect the wisdom and revere the kindness of Him "who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." The forsaking of the pleasures that endure for a season seems to the penitent to involve great cost, but the rewards of peace with God and sonship in the family of heaven soon cause us to count the things of the world but dross; death to self is a painful process, but the richer, fuller life that is the glorious possession of all who are truly sanctified, makes us to be thankful that we were willing to say the "nevertheless" and go the way of the cross. Consequently, the knowledge of the unerring goodness of His leadings gained through the enlightening influence of the initial experiences in grace, enables us to face life with a new and most beautiful confidence. Our lives are no longer governed by chance but by choice; the incidents that effect us and our personal interests are no more accidental but providential; choices and providences that are regulated by One who seeks to blend the various experiences of life into one triumphant and harmonious whole.

Let us apply this knowledge of the excellent and unfailing wisdom of the sovereign will of our Father in all life's changes, and especially in those instances and experiences when the "why" of present circumstances is so hard to discover. By this confidence erase those ugly and annoying question marks that haunt you and seek to turn aside from the pathway of full submission. If your own wisdom would prompt you to make choices that would take you in a different path than that to which He has lead you, engage you in some task other than that which He has chosen for you, or perhaps enable you to escape some affliction that He has permitted to come to you, forget not to consider the operation in your behalf of a wisdom that is infinitely higher and kinder than your own can be. If the hand of God seems heavy upon you, be patient in the heart-assurance of His unchanging goodness and the bearing of this heavy cross will make you stronger in faith and more appreciative of the love of Him who is ever near to share life's

burdens with us. Fret not, but trust; doubt not, only believe; for within the shadows of your present, and probably puzzling circumstances, standeth the One who is moulding your destiny, and His face is aglow with love as He "guides you by the skilfulness of His hands."

B. C. COCHRANE,
Editor

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

The convention of District 1 was held at Victoria Corner the last week-end of August. Although we regret that there were not more delegates present, and that some who were called upon to take part in the program were unable to attend, nevertheless God's blessing was upon the efforts of those who worked together to make the Convention a success.

The President, Lic. Norman Sanders, brought the opening message from Col. 3:1 on "Spiritual Resurrection", and that of the Sunday evening service from 1 Cor. 2:13 on "Spiritual Vision".

Sister Grace Sanders spoke to the young people Saturday night from the text: "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth". After this the local society elected its officers for the year, again choosing Maude Campbell as President. Sister Grace brought two more stirring messages on Sunday; in the morning on "Unbelief" and in the afternoon the answer to the question: "Is anything impossible with God?"—"No, nothing is impossible." We particularly appreciated having her at our convention as it may be the last before she leaves for Africa.

The morning love feast was led on Saturday by Ralph Sabine with the theme "The Christian Race" and on Sunday by Helen Mullen comparing the young people's work to Nehemiah's rebuilding the wall.

At the business session the officers were elected as follows: President, Lic. Norman Sanders; vice-president, Ralph Sabine; secretary-treasurer, Helen Mullen, with assistant Mrs. Geo. DeLong; executive, Edward Dow, Gertrude Cochrane. Following this, the pastor, Rev. H. C. Mullen, led in an interesting discussion on problems in our young people's work. It was agreed that we should emphasize spirituality and service.

We feel that the convention was a means of encouragement to the entertaining church, and a blessing and inspiration to all who enjoyed the privilege of attending.

HELEN R. MULLEN,
Secretary.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRAYER LEAGUE

James 5:16; Luke 18:1

The Young People's Prayer League—What is it? What is its aim? It is composed of a number of Christian young people of the Reformed Baptist Denomination who pledge themselves to be young people of prayer for this church year—Daniels of to-ady, who will not let the cares of life, the influence of friends, or the roaring lions of adversity, rob them of their daily communion with God, that vital communion, with

the windows of the soul open wide to the searching light of the Holy Spirit and the ear attentive to His gentle whispers, so that we may present the needs of our denominational churches and of the cause of righteousness in general, and be heard of God.

This Prayer League will be open to requests for prayer from any needy ones within or without our denomination, and we wish all to be free to send in such requests feeling sure of our confidence. We would like each Society to have its Prayer League leader, (carefully selected) possibly one of the officers you already have. This person could gather the names of those who wish to join the Prayer League, and send them to the writer to whom all names should be sent. A number of names have been handed in by young people who were at the Campmeetings this year.

Let all of us, as members of the Prayer League, feel it our duty and privilege to pray intelligently, and with faith as the Spirit leads, for the special requests sent in, for the young people of our denomination, and for our denomination as a whole in the home fields and also the foreign. Let our united petition be, that God will give us the greatest year that we have known in spiritual growth and advancement. Amen.

Yours in the Faith,
NORMAN J. SAUNDERS,
League Leader.
Gordonsville, N. B.

Perth, N. B.

Dear Highway:

We feel led to send in a report from this part of the work. Our society was organized last November. Our services are held every Friday evening and being led we believe by the Spirit are truly seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

We praise God for His blessing upon us during the past year and face the future with renewed hopes. May the Lord bless each society throughout our churches.

Yours in His service,
VELMA SANDERS,
Secretary
Black's Harbour, N. B.

The Young People's Convention of District No. 3 convenes with the Young People's Society at Seal Cove, October 1st to 4th inclusive. We are expecting Rev. F. A. Watson as our special speaker. Please send delegates and reports.

Yours for deeper blessings,
B. E. TATTON,
Secretary

THE PRINCIPLE AND THE PROCEDURE

Having reproved Eli for his failure in the proper handling of his wicked sons, and having asked of him, Why honorest thou "thy sons before me?" Jehovah proceeds:

"Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed" (I. Sam. 2:30).