

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## EDITORIAL

### A GOOD SOCIETY MEMBER

The Young People's Society is composed of individuals and the kind of societies we have depends on the kind of young people we have. What constitutes a good society member? What kind of a person is a real asset to their group?

First One who is saved and sanctified.

Our slogan, "Christ for the young people and the young people for Christ", is quite meaningless to the individual who has not passed through these epochal experiences of grace, and the unregenerated, unsanctified society member does not, and cannot appreciate the purpose for which we exist. If we are to reveal the Christ to others we must first see Him ourselves. If we are to get near to the weary, hungry hearts of the present pleasure seeking generation of youth, a generation that is gradually but surely discovering the shallowness of those things that endure but for a season, and whisper to those hearts the story of a Saviour who in His coming to dwell with us brings that which meets the eternal longing of the soul, if we are to present this message in a truly effective manner, we must be able to speak out of our own experience. When we can testify "that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you," our witnessing strikes a resonant chord in the soul of the young people who are not savingly acquainted with Jesus.

Second: One who attends the young people's meetings regularly.

Fortunate indeed, is the Society that has a membership comprised of individuals who really attend the weekly meetings. The most valuable members are not always those who can sing best, speak most fluently, or contribute most financially, but rather those who can be depended on. The ones you expect to see when you go to the meetings. If we didn't have these faithful ones in our societies we would be forced to disband but a few who are "always there" insure the continuation of these meetings that are so vitally important to the cause of the Lord Jesus.

Third: One who is ready to do his or her part.

Every member of every group that has a personal knowledge of and fellowship with Christ, has a contribution to make to the life of the Society that is indispensable to the success of that particular group. A heart experience in grace is an initial qualification for valuable membership; regular attendance is a second and most important step toward this ultimate; and finally but by no means minor in importance, to make the contribution which fills up the form of qualification, we must have willing hearts. If we are asked to lead a meeting we will do it by the help of the Lord. If we have a talent of song we stand ready to use it to His glory. If to pray we will ascend the hill of the Lord. Whatever the request may be, and regardless of how inefficient we may feel, what the Lord asks of us we shall endeavour to do.

What kind of society members are we? Is the Christ whom we seek to preach to others a personal Saviour and Friend? Are

we uniting in the Y. P. services so vitally necessary to the continuation of the group? And do we stand ready to make our contribution whether small or great? Let every one be in their place about the camp and by the grace of God, the battle will be ours. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

Be ye thankful—Col. 3:15

Paul is continually emphasizing the importance of being thankful. In his epistles to the churches he exhorts us to be thankful always and that we "in everything give thanks". In this advice to the church at Colosse he says, "Be ye thankful!" We owe so much to God and He requires so little of us that it is obligatory that we should be thankful. Someone has said that ingratitude is one of the common sins of this age.

In his letter to the Hebrews, Paul says, "Let us offer the sacrifices of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. For with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Praise and thanksgiving to God is an important part of our Christian life and worship. The life that is indwelt by the Holy Spirit is a grateful, happy life, one who is continually praising and thanking God for His blessings and benefits.

Though many people lack those things of a temporal nature which would seem necessary to their welfare and happiness, they may have, what is more important, the spiritual blessings, for with the blessing of God on our hearts we will ever be rejoicing and praising Him. Each day will be a thanksgiving day and our experience will be a joyous, victorious one.

Gratitude is microscopic and so magnifies what would otherwise seem insignificant that we are continually finding new reasons for praise and thanksgiving.

Carlyle has said: "Every man should put himself at zero and then reckon every degree ascending from that point as an occasion for thanks", and if this was our standard we would realize how much we have to be thankful for. So often we forget that God is the giver of every good and every perfect gift, and we neglect to thank Him for the common things that we enjoy. Oh let us not grieve the Spirit by being ungrateful to God but let us begin by praising Him for His greatest Gift, our Saviour and if we find ourselves lacking the thankful heart, let us begin now with His help to cultivate a thankful spirit. "Praise ye the Lord."

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## THE BRIGHT SIDE

"I learned to look upon the bright side of my condition and less upon the dark side, and to consider what I enjoyed, rather than what I wanted; and this gave me sometimes such sweet comforts, that I cannot express them; the which I take notice of here, to put those discontented people in mind of it, who cannot enjoy comfortably what God has given them because they see and covet something that he has not given them. All our

discontent about what we want, appear to me to spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have."—Daniel Defoe in Robinson Crusoe.

Dear Young People of District No. 2:

While praying over the Young People's work and my new responsibility as dist. president I thought of a plan whereby we might do something more to further and strengthen this very important branch of our work. It is this, that each President invite suggestions from his group and all its friends, suggestions for "How we make our Y. P.'s work more spiritual" and "How we may extend our borders". I am persuaded that there are probably many fine suggestions lying idle in many people's minds, and perhaps they think that it is not their place to suggest them, because they do not hold a special office; and I believe some of our **older** friends might give us some splendid suggestions if we solicited them.

After collecting all these suggestions, and prayerfully considering them, we might have the best ones read at our next Y. P.'s Rally.

Yours to do His will,

MIRIAM SANDERS

Westchester, N. S.

A Young People's service was held at Westchester September 6th, President Hilda Doyle in the chair.

Meeting opened with song service, prayer and Scripture reading. Address of welcome was given by Helen Doyle and responded to by Sister Logan of Amherst. The following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

President, Miriam Sanders; Vice-President, Luella Hayes; Secretary, Helen Doyle; Highway Agent, Frances Dubee. Reports were read from Amherst society with verbal reports from Saint John and Westchester.

Delegates, Saint John, Grace Lawlor; Amherst, Mrs. Logan; Westchester, Stanley Siddall.

Sister Helen Doyle gave a brief talk on Crusader work and the great importance and benefit to the church. The president spoke on the plan of the Self-Denial Fund and our obligations on these lines. Bro. H. S. Mullen being present gave the young people words of help and encouragement advising them to keep working for the Lord in the branch of the Young People's Societies.

We regret very much the departure of our former president to another district and pray she may be a great blessing in the work there.

Let us be strong and of good courage, faithful in the task God has called us to perform.

Yours in His service,

HELEN DOYLE,

Secretary Dist. No. 2

## HE WENT A LITTLE FARTHER

A long hard road had the Saviour trod  
From glory e'en to Gethsemane;  
Alone, except for His Father, God,  
And there loomed before Him Calvary;  
But He went a little farther.