

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

NOTICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Just a reminder to the treasurers of the societies to send in your money for the General Fund as soon as possible.

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DISTRICT NO. 3 CONVENTION

The fourth young people's convention of this district was held at Beals, Maine, April 24-26. From the first the meetings were visited by the presence of the Lord, manifested by a spirit of rejoicing. Besides the evident results of the Convention in those who consecrated their lives anew to God, we feel there was other seed sown that will some day yield fruit in our Master's vineyard. There was a good number of delegates from five different societies, and reports both written and verbal were given at the business meeting on Sat. afternoon. The election of officers was as follows: President, Neil Ingersoll; 1st Vice, Virral Alley; 2nd Vice, Chipman Leslie; Treasurer, Marguerite Wilson; Highway Reporter, Mrs. Leola Barnes; Secretary, Bernard Tatton, with advisory committee made up of Rev. H. S. Wilson, Rev. E. R. Bradley, and Lic. B. C. Cochrane.

Every day was a full day, with the testimony meetings being led by Basil Bagley, Llewellyn Crowley, and Neil Ingersoll. The preaching was good and blessed of God, as some of the leaders in our young people's brought God's word in all its fullness. Basil Bagley, Bernard Tatton, Oral Green, Rev. E. R. Bradley, and Lic. B. C. Cochrane each had a service. The altar-services where Christians gathered for fresh blessings were especially helpful. At the close of the Sunday evening service about fifty young people came forward as a testimony that they were determined to keep their consecration complete. In view of all these spiritual feasts we feel like striving for more glorious experiences in the grace of God.

BERNARD TATTON, Secy.

A SOWER

(By Rev. P. J. Trafton)

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow". Matt 13:3

Jesus was teaching the multitude by the sea side. He sat in a ship and the people stood on the shore. He took the things that they were familiar with to emphasize and to illustrate the truth. The plain lay before him with its fertile fields, while beyond were the almost barren rocky slopes. It may have been that his ever-watchful eye fell on a tiller of the soil sowing in the field, and so he used it to convey the truth that he wished to impress upon them.

First, He speaks of the individual, "a sower". Sometimes you think you are lost in the crowd, that you do not amount to anything, that you are not recognized, that your influence does not count, that what you say does not bear any weight, and what you do does not have any effect upon others. You are mistaken in that, for you are a sower. Everyone has a place to fill in the great drama of life.

Next, He suggests activity, "went forth". Jesus did not believe in idleness. It is hardly ever that you hear busy people complaining of nothing to do, but it is those who are idle that complain on those who loaf on the job. If there is

any class of people who ought to be busy it is young people. Life is before them with its prospects and possibilities, and their thought ought to be, how can I best prepare myself to meet its responsibilities and improve its opportunities. To Christian young people the responsibility is greater. Do not think and act as if it did not make any difference, that you will get through somehow. The ones who did something were commended, not the one who hid his talent.

Then He reveals personal responsibility. "To sow". He was bearing some kind of seed. One cannot sow good seed or the word and spirit of God unless he possesses the same. There is the difference between profession and possession. We can only sow that which we possess. Do not be content to go out into life without the blessing of God upon your soul. Tarry until you have been filled with the Holy Ghost and have the anointing on your soul. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6. Fill your mind and heart with the word of God, be a student especially of the precious word of God. "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discern-er of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". 2 Timothy 2:15. Time spent in preparation for life's work is not lost. Constantly you are sowing, by your words, your influence, your acts; you are sowing in the home, in society, at your work and on the street, sowing the seed your own heart contains, for you cannot sow anything else. A pure fountain will send forth pure water. Let the seed you sow be "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance". May you be fruitful in every good word and work. May you have sheaves to lay down at the Master's feet.

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NOTE:—I appreciate our young people and the place they are filling in the work today. I want to say a word of appreciation of the editor of the Young People's Page in The King's Highway. He has done well. The Lord bless you all.

P. J. T.

DAGON AND THE ARK

It is a well known fact that a great part of our battle today is against what we term modernism. It is all around us in many subtle forms. It is the spirit that goes easy on sin and makes it respectable. It is the spirit that makes it easy to become a follower of Christ, with no need of confessing and forsaking sin. But sin has not changed only as it has increased, and God's standard of righteousness has not changed. Our battle is not so much to oppose this trend but to keep ourselves in "the old paths" in the face of it, which is the most successful method against it after all. We have no time to waste calling unnecessary notice to special instances where this spirit prevails around us. It has very little effect, and is the weakest weapon we could possibly use. What can our opinion possibly amount to against such a world-wide falling away? It will rather show us as fighting a losing battle.

Carnal weapons such as this can be of no avail, and we ourselves will become entangled in the meshes of the thing we are trying to defeat.

But there is one way that is successful, and that is to oppose it in our own hearts, and in our own teachings and practices. Thank God, we can be kept straight and true even in the midst of this wicked and perverse generation. We can be preserved by the power of God's Holy spirit. Nothing can stand against the presence of God. At one time in Bible history the Ark of God was placed in the temple beside Dagon the God of the Philistines; and the inevitable happened. Dagon fell down upon his face, and his head and hands were broken off. Any other god or idol is as helpless before His presence, even the God of modern liberalism. Any other power in heaven or in earth could be put in Dagon's place and the result would be the same. The greatest need is for God to be turned loose. Dagon will fall all around us, for God and sin just cannot stay together in the same place. We are guilty of spending too much time arguing with conditions to which we are opposed, and expressing our profound contempt for all that is contrary to Holiness. What we need to do is to bring the presence of God into the temple of heathenism around us, and He will take care of the Dagon. When the Ark and Dagon meet, Dagon falls down and is broken. The secret is in keeping all doors closed against everything but God and Holiness.

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REPORT OF Y. P. RALLY DIST. NO. 2

Killam's Mills,

May 26, 1936.

The Young People's Rally of District No. 2 was held at Killam's Mills, Monday, May 25.

The morning service was in charge of Bro. Francis Dubee of Amherst, who first gave everyone a privilege of telling what Jesus meant to them. There were a number of older members with us and God surely blessed us together. Truly it was a time of feasting with our Lord. Brother Dubee then brought a brief message from passages found in Luke 14: 26-34, also II. Cor. 7:17. This was a good message.

Our business session opened at 2.30 with our District President, Sister Hilda Doyle, from Amherst, in the chair. As we think of business meetings we might think of them as being rather dry and without God's peculiar blessing. If all business meetings are thus then ours wasn't a business meeting. God was in our midst.

The minutes of last convention were read and approved. We then had the roll call of delegates and were glad to see so many of our societies represented. Reports were heard that really were encouraging. The secretary then read a paper prepared by Bro. Judson Sanders on "Walking in the Spirit". This was good. Sister Wyonetta Sargeson read papers and gave us a discussion on our Junior Crusaders Work. It was suggested that Crusader Groups be organized in the different churches.

We were very glad to have with us Brother R. Selick, pastor of the Nazarene Church, Oxford, N. S. He brought us a soul-stirring message, taking as his subject "Christian Service" from the text found in I. Chron. 29:5

We should not wish everything to come our way or be content only when we are being served but as God has helped us so we ought to help