

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

Editor: REV. B. COCHRANE, Seal Cove, G. M., N. B.
Please address all reports for Young People's Page to the Associate Editor.

Associate Editor: MISS WYONETTA SARGESON
34 Archibald Street, Moncton, N. B.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to introduce to our readers in general, and our young people in particular, a plan of Bible study to be conducted through the Young People's Page. Our plan at present includes a topical study of the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, in which we shall be lead by four of our own ministers. We shall study the books in the order they are written, and Rev. F. A. Dunlop has consented to prepare the lessons on the Gospel of Matthew. The others will be announced later.

In each issue of the Highway there will be one lesson with questions for research and discussion. We would like for pastors and Society leaders to co-operate with us by urging the young people to join in this enterprise, and also that a list of those taking up the study be forwarded to the editor of the Y. P. Page, that we may know how many are in the "class."

We suggest that the study itself be conducted under the guidance, and with the assistance of the pastor. As Brother Dunlop suggests in his Foreword, the depth of benefit derived from the study will be determined by the interest and effort of the individual, as the lessons themselves are not meant to be an exhaustive study of the book, but rather an outline to provoke and assist in research work. The leader of the study may suggest helpful books or commentaries, and those engaging with us are at liberty to secure every means of assistance available. Questions arising from the study which cannot be satisfactorily answered within the Group, may be forwarded to the person preparing the lessons, and he in turn will be granted space to answer them through these columns, if he so desires. At the close of the study of each Gospel, a period will be given for review, after which we suggest that all those participating, write a paper on the book. Then let a committee comprised of the pastor, the Society leader, and another person, select from the papers prepared in their Group the best essay, and forward the same to the editor. From those received, the prize essay will be selected by the four men who prepare the lessons for us. While the writing will be optional, we urge all participants to follow this plan, as it will give each of us a firmer grasp on what we have learned, and will doubtless result in discoveries which have not been made during the course of study. The course is open to all our readers, but only young people are eligible to win the honour of having the prize essay. A systematic reading of the book being studied, is a necessary qualification for winning this distinction.

To these suggestions we add one more, that all the young people taking up the study pay a membership fee of ten cents, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of suitable prizes for the best essays. The acceptance of this suggestion lies wholly with the individuals and Societies participating in the study. Let us hear from you.

Read Brother Dunlop's "Foreword" in this issue, take the plan up at once, and then write the editor.

We will be glad to publish any additional information deemed necessary. The first lesson will appear in the March 15th issue of the Highway.

FOREWORD

To those who are taking up the series of studies in the Gospels, I offer in this brief note an apology, and explanation, and a foreword.

First, I realize that I am arrogating to myself a "chief seat" when I even undertake such a task as directing you in this short study of the Gospel of St. Matthew. If there is any blame, I share it with your editor, he for asking me to assume the responsibility, I for accepting the same.

Secondly, as I understand the mind of the editor, these studies are intended to introduce the subject, rather than attempt anything like a thorough course of instruction in the various chapters and passages of the book. Hence, the real burden of the work will fall back on the individual in the matter of research and careful study.

Lastly, as I have accepted this task, I have found how helpful to myself have been the facts I have gleaned from the different sources at hand. I feel myself being drawn a little nearer in spirit to our young people, and do earnestly pray God to awaken within each one a strong and increasing desire to "search the Scriptures."

Respectfully yours,
FRASER DUNLOP

THE TRUE RICHES

Speaking of the importance of honesty in dealing with others, Jesus said, "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

"There is a burden of care in getting riches," says Matthew Henry, "fear in keeping them, temptation in using them, guilt in abusing them, sorrow in losing them, and a burden of account at last to be given up concerning them."

While we do not think lightly of the necessities and comforts of life that money can buy, we have an increasing appreciation of what Jesus called "the true riches," a term we understand to refer to such valuable things as a Christian experience and character, the faith and confidence of our fellow men, the approval of God on our labors, and especially the harvest of a life of labor in the Lord's service.

You have read perhaps of a Christian man who solemnly affirmed to an assessor who appeared to make a record of his possessions that he was a rich man, a very rich man. He proceeded to state that he had a loving and helpful wife, obedient children, and an assured hope of a home in heaven. By great industry and thrift they were able to earn a comfortable living and were happy in the simple pleasures of life. "You are indeed a rich man, but your riches are not subject to taxation," replied the assessor in good spirit, and doubtless with a new appreciation of the best kind of wealth.—Wesleyan Methodist.

He who can conceal his joys, is greater than he who can hide his griefs.—Lavater.

GLEANINGS

"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."—I. John 2:15.

"Live your life as though Christ died yesterday, had risen this morning, and were coming back tomorrow."—F. B. Meyer.

"No conflict is so severe as his who labours to subdue himself."—Thomas A. Kempis.

"There will be no true freedom without virtue, no true science without religion, no true industry without the fear of God and love to your fellow citizens."—Charles Kingsley.

"If the best things are not possible for you, make the best of those that are possible."

"Great things are done when men and mountains meet;
These are not done by jostling in the street."
—William Blake

It is a greater thing to know how to acknowledge a fault than to know how not to commit one.—Cardinal de Retz.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND MODERN DRESS

Cody Rose

We are living in a day when the cry of "popularity" is the cry of young people. What must I do to be popular? We see it in the home, on the street, in the office, and even in the church.

One of the greatest demands of popularity concerns the dress question. The public in general is reaching after the latest fashions of the day. Professed Christian people are being swept along by the throngs of popularity seekers. Young people, you who profess to be following Jesus, where are you?

Ministers everywhere are compromising on the dress question. Many are indifferent about it. Laymen criticize the ministry if very much is said about dress. Thus spirituality is being sacrificed on the altar of modern-day dress. To choose popularity is to choose death to spiritual life. True, if you would be spiritual you will be unnoticed by the world, yes and even rejected. What is that compared to sweet fellowship with Jesus?

God said to Cain, "If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." The fact that you are harboring carnality within your heart is the reason you have been defeated on this question. Eradicate the cause, Carnality! and you will be free from the effect.—Good Tidings.

NOTICE

All those applying for work as waitresses and dishwashers at Beulah, are requested to enclose a stamped envelope with their letter of application. Write to,

REV. BENNETT COCHRANE,
Grand Manan, N. B.