

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—1. Timothy 4:12

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REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION AT MARYSVILLE MAY 6th to 8th

The young people's convention opened at Marysville on Friday evening, May 6th, under the leadership of Rev. G. A. DeLong, President of the Young People's Association, assisted by the Vice-President, Lic. Gordon Symonds, of Port Maitland, N.S., who was the speaker at the opening session. Mr. Symonds chose for his text the words, "Art thou that Daniel?" from Dan. 5:13. The word "that" indicated an unusual personality in Daniel. (1) He had communion with God. This fact was proof of his obedience to God. (2) He was sweet spirited, an indispensable quality in a Christian. (3) He purposed in his heart to be true to God. He had determination, and we must have it if we are to amount to anything in the service of God. (4) He was faithful, in his daily living, and in his prayer life. Failure along these lines is fatal to our influence and our usefulness. (5) He had wisdom. Three things were totally lacking in Daniel's character, (1) Complaining; (2) compromise; (3) retaliation. Daniel lived (1) for eternity; (2) for others. The question came right home to us all, "Art thou that Daniel?"

The Fredericton Young People's Society attended this opening service in a body, under the leadership of their president, Bro. Edward Dow; and Mr. Symonds' portrayal of Daniel was listened to with appreciation by them, as well as by all who were present.

On Saturday afternoon Rev. F. A. Dunlop, pastor of the Marysville Church, gave an informal talk to the young people on "The Call of God to Holiness," based on 1 Thessalonians 4:7, following which was a Question Box, in which questions were written on slips of paper and handed in to be answered by Mr. Dunlop, who had previously given warning that some of his answers might be "I don't know." The questions dealt mainly with the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification and were all answered in such a way as to bring about clearer thinking along these lines on the part of the young people and older ones who were present. Miss Alice Sterritt spoke a few words in appreciation of the way the questions were answered, expressing the feelings of all. Miss Sterritt also spoke of her fear that the wonderful experience of holiness in heart and life is sometimes taken too lightly and on the surface. She counselled that it should fill our hearts and go deep into every detail of our lives. This service was perhaps the heart of the convention.

Then on Saturday evening the message was brought by Rev. G. A. DeLong on the danger of trusting in a past experience and the need of being fire-baptized. One seeker was at the altar, who later testified to having obtained the blessing of sanctification.

The praise service at 9.30 Sunday morning was led by Bro. Chester Cochrane. The scripture was read from Acts 20:17 to 38, basing his remarks on verse 35. This talk was very much enjoyed by all and a good time of testimony and praise followed.

Lic. Mered Grant brought the message at the 11 o'clock service. The subject was "A Christian Home." Text, John 19:26 and 27 (parts of),

"Woman, behold thy son," and "Behold thy mother." Mr. Grant brought out (1) the different elements that make a Christian home. Jesus is the cornerstone. Love must be there also. (2) Responsibilities of a home: Parents to children, dwelling on the religious training of children; children to parents, emphasizing the need of obedience, love, reverence. This was a fine message, and the presence of the Lord was in the service.

On Sunday afternoon we again had the privilege of listening to Lic. G. R. Symonds preach another sermon from the Old Testament, on "The God of Elijah." Text, 2 Kings 2:14, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" Elijah's God was able (1) at the Jordan, to make a way in the time of difficulty (2 Kings 2:14); (2) on Mount Carmel, answering by fire, 1 Kings 18:38; (3) at the time of his "juniper tree" experience of discouragement and disheartenment, God provided for his physical and spiritual needs, 1 Kings 19; (4) in the time of sickness and death, 1 Kings 17; (5) when falsely accused, 1 Kings 18:17. Elijah proved that his God was able at all of these times and many others. The Lord God of Elijah still lives. Let us put Him to the test in our lives.

Rev. G. A. DeLong was the preacher at the closing service of the Convention. Text, John 3:3, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." The necessity of the new birth or regeneration was forcefully preached in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Conviction was on the unsaved and the saints were encouraged by fresh glimpses of heavenly places in Christ Jesus. At the close of the service several seekers came to the altar for prayer, and the Convention closed with song and praise. Words of counsel and encouragement were spoken by Rev. P. J. Trafton, pastor of the Fredericton Church, and Rev. F. A. Dunlop. The presence of the Misses Alice and Helen Sterritt, our returned missionaries, at many of the services added much of inspiration to the Convention. Lic. G. R. Symonds, on behalf of the Convention visitors, expressed appreciation of the hospitality of the Marysville Church in entertaining the Convention, and truly we did enjoy their kindness and Christian fellowship. Mr. Symonds also spoke appreciatively of the special music furnished by members of the Marysville and Fredericton young people's societies.

It was a disappointment that Rev. H.S. Dow, who had been expected to be the Convention speaker, was unable to come, also that not as many delegates came as were expected; but notwithstanding this, it was felt that the Convention has been very profitable, and blessed of the Lord.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Altona M. S.,

Dear Children:

Greetings co-workers, and thanks to those who sent me a pack of Sunday School picture rules and cards which arrived in January.

We have an out-post in Swaziland about 18 miles east from Altona by a stony path over many hills and mountains. By road it is over

GLEANINGS

"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes. 5:23.

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"Sanctification, in the proper sense, is an instantaneous deliverance from all sin."

—John Wesley.

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"We must let the idea of holiness stand alone in our minds—separate entirely from all accidents of joy or sorrow, or indeed any other state of the emotions."

—J. A. Wood.

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"If our influence and usefulness, as a religious community, depend upon one thing more than any other, it is upon our carrying out the great doctrine of sanctification in our life and conversation."

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O that it now from heaven might fall,
And all the dross consume:
Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
Spirit of burning, come!

—C. Wesley.

SCRAPBOOK POEMS

Answered

I asked the Lord that I might patient be,
He sent me tribulation, long and much;
It worked sweet patience, as from self-will free
I yielded to His touch.

I asked the Lord that He my heart might fill
With His own fulness, and He emptied me
Of earthly things, of many treasures, till
My heart for Him was free.

I asked the Lord for sweet humility,
He humbled me in dust; He brought me low,
Lower and Lower—"Tis this way" said He,
"My meekness thou canst know."

"Lord, give me sympathy," I learned to pray,
"That I may sympathize in others' woes."
He let me suffer—for 'tis in this way
Our sympathy o'erflows.

I asked the Lord to make me keen in prayer,
He showed me all my great and mighty need,
And that of others, which I sought to share,
Ah, then I prayed indeed!

I asked the Lord for Him I much might do,
To win Him many a soul, 'twas this I sought,
He disciplined me, taught me, used me too—
Not just the way I thought.

—A. G. Fisher.

36 miles by a fair Government road. I had much joy in listening to a bunch of ten children repeat the first verse of "Jesus loves me, this I know," which I had taught them two weeks ago, when I gave them each a picture card. They ranged from 1 year to 8, all of them and very keen for me to have prayers every time I pass. The name of this kraal is "Butelezi," and it is a bright opening for work and prayer. I got them to repeat the last two verses, then to sing as best they could. They did very good for their second lesson. We have only one woman in this large kraal who