

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

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LESSON I.

I. INTRODUCTION—

- A. By whom was the gospel written?
"The third gospel is ascribed, by the general consent of ancient Christendom, to 'the beloved physician,' Luke, the friend and companion of the Apostle Paul." (Smith's Bible Dictionary).

B. To whom is it addressed?

1. "It is addressed to a certain Theophilus, probably a Gentile Christian." (Davis' Bible Dictionary.) Luke addressed his gospel, and also his account of the Acts of the Apostles, to the same person. Note Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1.

2. It is addressed to a certain class of Gentiles.

Mark wrote his gospel to the Roman Gentiles whose ideal was power.

Luke wrote his to Greek Gentiles whose ideal was wisdom and beauty.

C. When was it written?

1. From Acts I:I it is clear that the gospel, described as "the former treatise" was written before the Acts of the Apostles. Perhaps it was written from Caesarea during the time of St. Paul's imprisonment there. (Smith's Bible Dict.)

D. What was the purpose of Luke's gospel?

1. That Theophilus "might know the certainty of those things wherein he had been instructed." Luke 1:4.
2. Prof. Gregory, in his book, "Why Four Gospels," say: "The gospel of Luke was written for Greek readers, and therefore, the character and needs of the Greeks furnish the key to this gospel. The Greek was the representation of reason and humanity. Luke's record therefore presented the character and career of Christ as answering the conception of a perfect and divine humanity. Reason, beauty, righteousness and truth, are exhibited as they meet in Jesus in their full splendour . . . Jesus was the Saviour of all men, redeeming them to a perfect and cultured manhood." (Smith's Bible Dict.) To the Greek who is seeking for beauty and wisdom, Luke presents Jesus, the perfect Man.

E. Style of Luke's Gospel.

1. "It is a careful and systematic presentation of the life of the founder of Christianity. It delineates the graciousness of Christ's personal character—His piety, compassion, charity, prayerfulness, holiness and tenderness." (Davis Bible Dict.)
2. "It is remarkable for its poetry, song and eloquence. Also, for the depth and sublimity of its thought. There is a flow to the speech of Luke, and a rounding off of his

sentences, that marks a higher grade of rhetoric than that contained in the other gospels." (Gray)

3. Luke's medical vocabulary appears occasionally. Note the following:

- (a) "Holden with a great fever." Luke 4:38.
- (b) "Taken with a palsy." ch. 5:18.
- (c) "Healed them." ch. 6:19.
- (d) "Bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine." ch. 10:34.

REPORT OF THE TORONTO YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY.

The rally meeting of the holiness young people of Eastern Canada, of which we have spoken and written much during the past year, was held at the time appointed, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, and in the place appointed, the City of Toronto. The registration service Thursday evening, Aug. 31st, and the day meetings on Friday and Saturday, were held in the Second Nazarene Church. Our guest speaker, as previously announced, was Rev. Leslie Ray Marsten, bishop of the Free Methodist church, and speaker at many youth rallies over the continent. Robert Clifford, with whom many of our readers are acquainted, presided efficiently at the piano, and we were led in some fine song services by Eldon B. Lehman, of the People's Church, Toronto. The Houghton College Ladies' Quartette, from Houghton, New York, were present throughout the Rally, and rendered sweet selections in song. The efficiency of pianist and song leader, and the beautiful harmony rendered by the ladies' quartette, contributed very largely to the success of the meeting.

Friends and delegates were present in goodly numbers. Seven of our nine provinces were represented, and there were representatives from four of the states of the U. S. We had Canadian delegates from both eastern and western extremities of the Dominion, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, and from every other province except Alberta and P. E. I. There were delegates from at least seven of our Canadian holiness denominations, beside friends from many other groups. A very fine delegation of ordained ministers, young and old, were present, and co-operated wholeheartedly to make the Rally a time of blessing and profit. We are very happy to report that there were twenty representatives of our Reformed denomination present to enjoy and help boost the meetings. The Rally services were held in the Oakwood Collegiate building, and were well attended.

Our Convention speaker, Bishop Marsten, was a man sent from God. His messages were peculiarly appropriate for the nature of the meeting, and were delivered with such clearness and appeal, that they were felt by all to be of inestimable value to young and old. He also manifested a keen personal interest in the Rally itself, in respect to its possibilities, and was ever ready to lend helpful advice whenever consulted.

On Saturday afternoon, an interesting and helpful round table discussion was held in which problems of young people's work were discussed, different speakers presenting sug-

gestions. This was a fine meeting.

Business sessions were held on Friday and Saturday, and an organization was formed to be known as the Canadian Holiness Youth Association. Officers of the newly formed group are: President, Rev. B. C. Cochrane, (Reformed Baptist); Vice-President, Rev. R. F. Woods, (Nazarene); Secretary, C. H. Vipond (Wesleyan Methodist); Treasurer, Rev. Ward Shantz (Mennonite); additional members of the executive, Rev. E. A. Cooper (Free Methodist); Miss Hazel Fawcett (Gospel Workers); Mr. H. Dobbs (Pilgrim Holiness); Miss Clark (Standard Holiness); and Mr. George Eaves (Holiness Movement). This executive, as you will note, includes a representative from nine different holiness denominations. The purpose of this young people's association is to labour together in a purely inter-denominational way for the promotion of the work of holiness, especially among the youth of Canada. In addition to the officers above named there was an advisory council elected comprised of nine ordained ministers, one from each of the bodies above named. Rev. H. S. Dow was elected from our R. B. Group.

The meetings of the Rally, both business and evangelical, were pervaded by a beautiful spirit of harmony. Denominational distinctions were lost in the oneness of the Spirit, and there was not the slightest indication of sectarianism in any meeting. The spirit of the entire Rally was in perfect harmony with the specific purpose of the gathering.

Lack of space makes it impossible for me to write in full all the good features of this unique assembly, but we can assure you that it was most successful from the standpoint of the purpose for which it was called. A rising tide of interest and blessing which gained strength in every meeting of the Rally, made the atmosphere of the final service Sunday night to be pregnant with fervent thanksgiving for the providential circumstances of the meeting, and joyous enthusiasm at the prospect of a forward movement in the work of holiness during the year, and another Rally next Labour Day week-end! Join with us in praying that the newly-formed Canadian Holiness Youth Association may enjoy rapid and healthy growth, and that God may make that group and those who co-operate a powerful unit for the defense and proclamation of the glorious news of full salvation!

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Dear Children:

I wonder if you love Jesus and the things of God as the little girl did whom I am going to tell you about? She lived in a grass hut with her parents, and had a number of brothers and sisters all taught of God by her father and mother who are two of our Christian workers. One day she came with her sister, Violet, to Sunday school. She liked it so well she came again the next Sunday. I learned her name was Ella. Her parents moved quite far away so she could not come again. She was bright, sunny faced and intelligent looking; about five years old. About two months