

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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### DISTRICT NO. 2 CONVENTION

The Y. P. Convention of District No. 2 was held at Moncton Oct. 10-13th inclusive.

Rev. F. A. Dunlop was special speaker and his messages, fitted to the occasion, were delivered under the power of the Holy Ghost. Three very helpful messages were brought from the incident recorded in Mark 10.

In these sermons Bro. Dunlop emphasized the qualities of the young ruler which, yielded to Christ, would have resulted in the building of a great saint and the usefulness of a great life. He further elaborated on the proposition under consideration, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In this message the conditions laid down to qualify for this great prize were set forth. The final message from this Scripture portrayed the great loss sustained by this young man by his refusal to accept Christ's plan for his life.

Special Thanksgiving services climaxed the convention. In the morning service, one of great blessing, Bro. Dunlop called the young people to be faithful to the standards which the early leaders set up. The presence of the Lord was very real in this meeting, shouts of praise were heard from every side. The services of this day were rich and fitting to bring the convention to a close.

The weather was unfavorable during most of the convention, the paralysis epidemic prevented many from other circuits from attending, and in this respect there were many adversaries, but the presence and blessing of the Lord was rich in all the services. Sunday night conviction was on the large congregation and several hands were raised for prayer.

In all, this was a most profitable meeting, and contributed to strengthen our purpose to be faithful to the cause of holiness.

### A NEW VENTURE

Questions relating to problems of personal experience, Scriptural interpretation, society work, etc., have from various sources reached your Y. P. editor. These inquiries which have been answered personally, have led us to believe many of the problems of one person or society might be that of many others. In accordance with this thought we have decided, as an experiment, to open in our Y. P. Page a question box corner. Therefore, if you have a question of personal, Scriptural, or society which you would like dealt with in this way, write us and we will do our best. This should be an interesting feature of our page.

EDITOR

I get hundreds of letters from girls asking if it pays a girl to be good. They say that it is the wild women who have the wild, gay times; that it is the girls who toss their caps over the windmill that boys like to play about with; that it is the girls who pick up strangers on the street who always have plenty of dates, while the girls who will not pet, nor drink, nor lower their code of conduct spend many a drab evening reading an improving book, instead of stepping out with a lad. And so they want to know if it really pays a girl to be good. Of course, there is but one answer to this question. It is YES. A thousand times yes! It pays a girl in health, in looks, in happiness, in success, in everything in life that really counts to be good. Perhaps for a little while the play girls may seem to have the best of it, but in the long pull it is the good girls who win out. It pays a girl to be good because of her health. The wages of sin is death, says the Good

Book, and that is eternally true. Statistics give the professional Daughters of Joy less than 10 years of expectation of life, whereas the women who live soberly, cleanly, virtuously are often still hale and hearty in their nineties. You can't dance without paying the piper. Nature is an exorable creditor who exacts its toll from those who break its laws, and you can't spend your youth in dissipation without having to suffer for it. A short life and a merry one, if it is your choice, but you can be certain it will be short.

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It pays a girl to be good because of her looks. Sin sears a woman's beauty as a hot flame does a rosebud. No girl can take a step off the strait-and-narrow way without the scarlet letter being branded on her face so deeply that no cosmetics will hide it. It hardens her. It coarsens her. It takes away from her that aura of purity and innocence that makes even a homely good girl so often lovely. For a woman's expression is her soul and if that has degraded she is hideous.

DOROTHY DIX

### YOUTH TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Rev. Oliver R. Haslam

To say that the youth of today are the church of tomorrow is to speak but a partial truth. The implication is that our youth are not a part of the church today; or, if so, not a very important part. Those who are young today will indeed be a part, and a very vital part, of the church of tomorrow. But they must be made to feel, and all of us must be made very definitely to feel, that they are a very vital, yea, an indispensable part of the church at the present time. Herein lies the security of all that we hold dear, the perpetuation of that for which the older generation lives. It is the perpetual overlap of the generations which insures a continuity of that which is good and worth while.

Far better would it be to state our proposition thus: "The youth are as much a part of the church of today as they will be of the church of tomorrow." They will be better trained tomorrow, and more experienced, and more efficient; but will they be any more a part of the church tomorrow than they are today? If they are not already a part, and a very important part, of the church, pray tell when will they be?

With this in mind, how important it is that the church as a whole proceed to build the youth into the very warp and woof of the church life and activities. They must needs be put to work in the tasks of the local church. They must be made to feel that they are needed at once and that they must even now help to carry the responsibilities of the church and the Kingdom. The very fact that the youth of the church are thought of by the adults a superiority complex which in turn tends to generate in youth the opposite complex of inferiority. These complexes must, to say the least, be greatly modified if the church as a whole is to function as it ought.

Our church is seriously interested in the progress and development of its youth. It is concerned as to how youth will carry on in the years to come. It hopes for the perpetuation of those issues which are held as vital. And yet there is the danger of forgetting, or

neglecting, the proper training of our young people right in the operations of the local church. It is too easy to turn the task of youth training and guidance over to the church schools, or to the youth leaders, or even to leave this most vital matter for the young people to figure out for themselves. We do thank God for our Christian schools and for our splendid youth leaders, and for the way many of our youth are tackling their own problems of preparation for the work and responsibilities of the future. Nevertheless, it is imperative that careful attention be given by the local churches to the matter of putting their youth to work under whatever direction and supervision they may need. Such efforts would greatly encourage the young people, simplify the work of youth leaders, and increase the effectiveness of our church schools in preparing them for the future.

To set youth to work at an early age is important for at least two reasons. First, they need to train for service by serving during their character-building and habit-forming years. Second, they must be impressed with the fact that the best time for active service for the Master is always in the present. There are opportunities for service today which will be gone tomorrow. And to overlook the opportunities of today would be to miss the experience and training which they provide. The wise man has said, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

And, after all, who are the youth of today? Who are young people and who are adult? Who constitute the church? At what stage do youth become part of the church? How early should they be made to feel that they are as much a part of the church as they will ever be? To think these questions carefully through and act accordingly would greatly help to solve the problem of the ever-lurking danger of a cleavage between the younger and adult groups of the church. Young people must not be left to feel that in order to survive the present and prepare for the future they must build a strong, separate group consciousness. On the contrary, they must be made to feel that they need the church and the church needs them; that they are a vital part of the church now; and that their lives, their activities and their organization are all a part of the whole church and of its work.

Be strong, young people! We are with you. Wherein we fail, forgive us. Let us make the church of tomorrow better and stronger today.—Free Methodist.

### IT'S EASY TO TALK

It's easy to talk

Of the place you would fill,

If someone should push you along;

But the task now for you,

Is the work you can do,

To idle and grumble is wrong.

It's easy to talk

Of the money you'd spend,

If you had a few dollars ahead;

But it's better to give

A bit while you live,

Than a million after you're dead.