

Set-Apart One, the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One, was foreshadowed by priest, foretold by prophet, and foresung by the holy bards for almost six thousand years. Came another period, approximately four hundred years, very lonely years, in which no prophet spoke; "there was no open vision." Then out by Jordan a forerunner prophet appeared, crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." The long-expected Lord's Anointed was soon to appear. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance," cried the forerunner, "but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

The forerunner of the Messiah is already on the scene. Where is the Anointed One? Who is He? Whom will He be?

"And I, myself, knew him not," says John Baptist; "but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And John bear record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending like a dove, and it abode upon him (Jesus). And I saw and bear record that this is the Son of God" (John 1:32-34). Nor have we record to show that any soul save Jesus and John saw that dove-like form descend. This was Jehovah's special sign to the forerunner to indicate the Messiah whose way he was sent to prepare. This was what took place at the Jordan.

John now knew that his cousin Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ, the One Anointed. Accordingly, when, on the morrow, John saw Jesus coming, he said to his disciples, without a syllable of uncertainty, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Soon Andrew is saying to Simon, "We have found the Messias, the Christ." Literally, "We have found the Anointed One, the Appointed One."—Free Methodist.

#### BISHOP ASBURY VISITS CANADA

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As a news item this is old but not stale. I enjoyed reading this article and I believe it was profitable as well so I am passing it on for your entertainment and edification.

"In the end of June 1811 Bishop Asbury paid his first and only visit to Canada. Ever since the appointment of Wm. Losee as the first missionary to that country in 1791 he had desired to visit it but had never found opportunity. Had he not gone at this time he would never have made the journey: the war which began between Great Britain and the U. S. A. would have prevented and by the time the war was over he would have been too feeble to undertake it. According to his usual custom, the plan was laid beforehand, his guide selected and his appointments sent forward. Our guide was Rev. Bela Smith. We crossed Lake Champlain and Asbury preached in a bar-room in Plattsburg. The heat was intolerable. The road through the woods, over rocks, down gulleys, over stumps and through the mud were indescribable. We crossed the Chateaugay and Salmon rivers and reached a large Indian village called St. Regis. In entering this village the Bishop was leading his horse across a bridge made of poles, the animal got his feet between them and sank into the mud and water. Away went the saddle-bags: the books and clothes were wet and the horse was fast. We got a pole

under him to prise him out; at the same time the horse made a leap and came out safe and sound. We crossed the St. Lawrence in romantic style. We hired four Indians to paddle us over. They lashed three canoes together and put our horses in them, their fore-feet in one canoe and their hind feet in another. It was late in the afternoon when we started and we were a long time crossing, for some parts were rough, especially the rapids, so we did not reach the other side until late in the evening. Then the Indians claimed an additional dollar. They said, 'Four men, four dollars,' intimating that three dollars could not be so easily divided among four. We cheerfully paid the additional dollar and were full of gratitude for our safe crossing. Arrived in Canada the Bishop rode in Bro. Glassford's small, closed carriage which he called a 'calash,' and he inquired how they were to get out if the 'calash' should upset. He had hardly asked the question till over it went and again the venerable Bishop was upset. Fortunately no bones were broken; the saplings alongside the road broke the fall and he escaped uninjured. We were in Canada just a fortnight, during which time we visited a number of important places: Cornwall, Matilda, Augusta, Kingston and Elizabethtown. Everywhere the Bishop was treated as the angel of the Churches. He preached six times besides numerous lectures which he delivered to societies. 'Our ride,' the Bishop records himself, 'has brought us through one of the finest countries I have ever seen. The timber is of noble size, the cattle are well-shaped and well looking, the crops are abundant on a most fruitful soil. Surely this is a land which God the Lord hath blessed. Well: I have been in Canada and find it like all stations in the extremities: there are difficulties to overcome and prospects to cheer us. Some of our laborers have not been as faithful and diligent as we could have wished.'

Writing to Dr. Coke he said, "I never felt as I do now for Upper Canada. I visited that part at the hazard of my life, having ridden eight hundred miles with my feet in a high state of inflammation. Our prospects are great in the provinces and I must if possible extend my labors. An overseer among us ought to be, as it were, all eye, all ear, that he might rightfully discharge the various and important duties of his office. He ought to ride eight thousand miles annually, attend, and preside over eight or nine conferences and in addition to preaching hundreds of sermons, help to make arrangements for seven hundred preachers."—The Holiness Era.

#### "YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE—CAN YOU HOLD THEM?"

The other day I picked up a magazine which described a plan a number of churches have adopted to hold their young people in an effort to keep them from frequenting night clubs—a plan which left me bewildered, shocked and disgusted—Christian (?) night clubs! God help us! May He have mercy on the churches of this land that have become weak and sickly, unable to attract and hold young people unless they resort to cheap imitations of the world! Actually, some of America's churches are hardly anything more than second-rate restaurants and third-class theaters! Harsh as it sounds, one can hear almost anything (except the gospel of Christ), and find anything imaginable (except salvation) in some of our present-day churches!

Say, I ask you: What does God think about devil-inspired dances, silly, smutty shows, and

Sunday night suppers being conducted in His temple in the name of religion?

What would happen should Jesus Christ walk in while some of our so-called Christian entertainments were in full swing? Plenty—or I don't know my Bible! Don't you believe He would clean house, as He once cleaned the temple—firing out the "Felix the Cat" films, the fancy food festivals, and cleansing the building which once was dedicated to His service?

How pitiful that so many ministers of today will resort to almost anything to entice and hold their young people, but neglect (or reject) the only real and lasting solution to their youth problem—presenting to them the Lord Jesus Christ, the saving, keeping and satisfying Saviour! When young people really get acquainted with Jesus, they will be spoiled for the fleeting, unsatisfying things of "this present evil world."

However, we may be very sure that Satan will not be overjoyed about losing any of his youthful followers. Therefore we may be expecting that when the trials and temptations come thick and fast, and the Christian's pathway does seem needlessly narrow, that this lying, cunning deceiver will slyly suggest that there is no need in being so narrow-minded, no sense in being so strict. Because of this, Christian young people need a great deal of attention, and in order to hold them you should:

1. Encourage them in their earnest efforts, sympathize with them in their sorrows, rejoice with them in their sowing and reaping of the Word, pray for them during their persecutions, patiently bear with them should they give up in discouragement, and, in other words, manifest the Christlike spirit towards them.

2. Show warm-hearted appreciation for their labors of love, their faithful attendance and unswerving loyalty to Christ and the church. Perhaps they feel that their pastor and their fellow church members take their untiring service too much for granted. Maybe they are right!

3. Let them work and keep them plenty busy! I think you'll find that most normal young people are active, wanting to be going places and doing things. Should they receive no encouragement to work in the church and community, you can be certain that Satan will offer them employment, with a promise of good pay, too! He is ever on the lookout for idle youth. He will gladly give them an outlet for their pep and zeal. How about you—pastor and fellow church-member?

Quite often—say once or twice a month—hand over the reins to your young people. Let them take charge of an entire service. If they are capable (and some of them are), give them classes to teach in the Sunday school. Have young people act as ushers for your Sunday night services, young men one week and young ladies the next. Appoint committees to canvass your community with gospel tracts and personal invitations to attend your services. There is no need of idle youth in any church, for there are ever so many tasks which they would gladly perform if given the opportunity.

Remember that once upon a time you, too, were young and full of "animal spirits," and probably placed many gray hairs in the head of your pastor, for young people have always been more or less of a problem and probably always will be.

Can you hold your youth? Certainly you can, if you will faithfully preach, teach, and above all live Christ daily before them, so that they will become true Christians. Then try the ideas set forth in this article. Your churches need the young people. They need your churches, too. In the name of the Lord set forth to win modern youth for Christ and the church!—Sel.