

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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SERVING "KING" AND COUNTRY

Wonderful reports reach us of the activities of some of our boys who are in active service. We learn with joy that a number of them are grasping the opportunity their circumstances afford in seeking to witness for the Master in that highest of service,

Brother Hartley Spencer, stationed in Ceylon, India, with the R. C. A. F., writes that he was associated with some other Christian boys recently, in meetings in churches, missions, and in the open air. In one week their Gospel group conducted over twenty services. Brother Spencer is a member of our Saint John Church.

Brother Raymond Parks, now located with the R. C. A. F. in Montreal, is superintendent of a Sunday school and leader of a young People's Society. He is giving zealous service for the Lord in our Dominion metropolis. Brother Parks is also a member of our church at Saint John.

Brother Carl Brander, stationed with the R. C. A. F. in Great Britain, has also found an open door of service for the Lord. He is leader of a group of over forty Air Force men, bringing them spiritual help in regularly appointed meetings. He writes that the fellows often request his prayers when about to leave on operational flights. Brother Brander is a member of our Moncton church.

Then there are many others in the various branches of the Service, who are finding opportunity to witness for Jesus. By testimony, spoken message and godly life, they are also rendering invaluable service to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We are justly proud of these young men, and pray God to make them a great blessing in the far-flung areas in which they seek to do His will!

WE OFFER CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Helen Mullen, who received her Master of Arts degree from Boston University.

Lic. Ronald Sabine, on receipt of Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Nazarene College.

Miss Marion Cliff, who received her graduate nurse diploma from Moncton City Hospital.

SELF DENIAL FUND

Rev. F. A. Dunlop (pledge).....\$ 5.00

NOTICE

The Annual Convention of the Reformed Baptist Young People's Association will be held, D. V., Saturday, July 17th, at 2.30 p. m.

A REMINDER

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Thorne, of Havelock, N. B., has sent out forms for the yearly report of society groups. Please fill in and return as soon as possible, and be sure and stamp letters correctly, as insufficient postage will necessitate payment of double the amount required.

"BRING THEM IN"

It is time for the ingathering of our year's financial harvest. The support of our General and Self-Denial Funds by Y. P. Societies and friends of our Y. P. work is deeply appreciated. We are looking for a record year in finances. The objective for the S. D. Fund is \$500.00 and we will "go over the top" if all who have pledged bring or send their contributions in. Either bring or send your offering to Beulah, or direct to the treasurers, General Fund treasurer, Miss Maryellan MacCallum, 36 Archibald St., Moncton, N. B.; Treasurer of Self Denial Fund, Rev. D. W. Marsten, Amherst, N. S. The storehouse doors are open and God waits to open heaven's window. Bring them in!

MISSING

We have learned, with deepest regret, that Flying Officer Arlo Farnham, of Victoria Corner, N. B., is missing after an operational flight over Europe. Arlo, one of our beloved young men, enlisted in the R. C. A. F. in July, 1941. He made rapid progress in the service, leading a class of twenty-two at Mont Joli, Quebec, and winning a class prize. He went overseas in August, 1942, with the rank of Pilot Officer. In a raid on Wilhelmshaven this spring his plane was badly damaged, and only reached England after a hazardous flight with but one engine operating. Of this incident Arlo said: "Only the Lord brought us through." As a recognition of his heroic service in that flight he was promoted to Flying Officer.

Arlo was reported missing the latter part of May.

This news is received with sadness, but we cherish the hope that he is yet alive and safe, and will eventually return to his loved ones.

THE BLUNT TRUTH

A man once came to Spurgeon and asked that great preacher if his church was a pure church.

He said that he was looking for a pure church that he might belong to it.

Spurgeon said that he did not know about his own church. He did know that there were many good people in it; saintly people and truly Christian people; but there might possibly be a Judas among them, as there was in the company of Jesus' first apostles; and there might be some deceivers and idolators and those who walk unruly, as there seemed to have been in the churches of Rome and Corinth and Galatia and Ephesus and Colossae and Philippi and Thessalonica, and all the others to which the New Testament epistles were written.

On the whole he thought that his church was not the one his brother was looking for. Indeed, he did not know that there had been such a church in all history.

"But," said Spurgeon, "if you should happen to find such a church, I beg of you not to join it, for you would spoil the whole thing."—Bernard Bain, in *The Christian Observer*.

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.—Lord Herbert of Cherburg.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Miss Mona Farnham and Miss Faith Seeley, of Victoria, N. B., are living in Saint John.

Vernon Mullen is now stationed at Belleville, Ontario, with the R. C. A. F.

THE PASTOR AND HIS PARISH

One of the criticisms we sometimes hear against Protestant ministers is that they fail to call on the members of their congregation. Judged by spiritual results, we believe that visiting individuals is as important as preaching. We spread the Gospel by preaching. We seal it upon the hearts by personal conversation. Note how often Jesus revealed the greatest truths to an audience of one or a few. We believe that ringing doorbells is an important factor in a preacher's work, and no leader of a church, in city or country, the smallest and the poorest, can ignore it or set it aside as unimportant.

When church officers and private members discuss ministers, we find that nothing holds a warmer place in their hearts than the practice of visiting. Much will be forgiven a minister: indifferent preaching, faulty administrative technique, rough manners, and a homely countenance, if only he is a devoted pastor, a ready listener, and an indefatigable visitor. In selecting a minister, care of the people from house to house is generally rated as one of the very first considerations, perhaps the first. The house-going pastor makes a church-going people. That is an old saying, but some very devoted pastors may sometimes feel they have reason to doubt it. Their comfort must be that probably things would be even much worse if they did not visit so faithfully. These are days of trial and apostasy.—The Presbyterian.

STANDING TRUE

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is manlike to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide. It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer with his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

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LOSS OF THE PRAYER LIFE

Nowadays in the open life of the church and in the fellowship of believers there is seemingly little power in prayer, there is marked absence of travail. There is much phrasing, but little pleading. Prayer has become a soliloquy, instead of a passion. The powerlessness of the church needs no further explanation, and the counsellors of the church need seek no other cause. To be prayerless is to be both passionless and powerless.—Samuel Chadwick.