

## THE WISEMAN SAYS:

Life for most of us is a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## THE Y. P. ASSOCIATION SLOGAN

Christ for the Young People, and the Young People for Christ.

## EDITORIAL

## A SUCCESSFUL RALLY

The Young People's Rally of District No. 2, which was held in the church at Moncton over the week-end of April 14-16, was a success from every standpoint.

We had hoped for a good number of delegates and visitors, but our expectations were far exceeded. Saint John, Salem, Killam's Mills, Northport and Westchester were all well represented, and the people of the local church turned out in full.

Speakers for the rally included Lic. Hubert McGeorge, Rev. B. C. Cochrane and Lic. W. H. Mullen, Pres. of the Y. P. Association. Each message brought was designed to inspire faith and renewed zeal into the ranks of our Y. P. Societies. We feel that the rally accomplished the purpose which was stated here last issue, "to stimulate interest in each society, as well as to bestow some spiritual benefit to each young person attending."

The special music was indeed special. DeVerne Mullen, the guest soloist, stirred and blessed our hearts with his consecrated singing. The "Fireside Trio," composed of Sgt. and Mrs. Reimer and LAC Vernon Anderson, gave its own vocal interpretation of several old songs much to the delight and blessing of the audience.

One highlight of the rally was an informal "get-together" Saturday evening for a time of fellowship around the supper table. A hall was hired for this purpose, and between 50 and 60 young people were present. This short informal gathering was indeed profitable, proving beyond doubt that the mutual fellowship of a band of clean, enthusiastic, consecrated Christian young people is the most wholesome company to be found anywhere.

We want to thank all who contributed in any way to the success of the meeting. Everyone co-operated with a good spirit, and the mood of the rally was friendly and open.

All who were present at the short business session Saturday afternoon voted enthusiastically for another rally next September.

## WHICH IS YOUR CLASS?

R. Rhodes Stahley

Do you belong to the JAWBONE class,  
The class of folks who talk  
About the many things they'll do,  
The paths of fame they'll walk,  
Who boast about their conquered worlds,  
And deeds right nobly done,  
While yet their efforts end with words,  
No task is e'er begun?

Do you belong to the WISHBONE class,  
The class of folks who long  
That wealth and fame might flow to them  
For just a little song,  
Who wish that ease would be their lot  
And praise their fortune, too,  
While all the while they nod and smile  
And naught but nothing do?

Do you belong to the BACKBONE class,  
That class of folks who work  
From early morn till late at night  
And never duty shirk.  
Who dig right in and fight their way.

## VALUE OF A PRAYER

Margaret Schaffer Connelly

I could not bear my cross alone  
And so I weakly fell  
Beside the path I travelled on  
I could not reach the well  
To slake my ever fevered thirst,  
I dropped the cross and cried:  
I never knew who lifted me  
And walked so close beside  
Until I found a friend had prayed  
To God for me. I knew  
Right then it was His arms that held  
And gave me strength anew;  
His own dear voice that bade me walk  
And go upon my way,  
It was the Lord who came to me  
Upon the path that day.

## DISTRICT RALLIES

Article 4a of the by-laws in the constitution of the Reformed Baptist Young People's Association reads this way: "There shall be in connection with the Association four district Associations, corresponding with the quarterly meeting districts, which shall hold two meetings a year, in September and March, in in each district."

The idea embodied in our Y. P. Assoc. constitution, with respect to district rallies, still holds good. The chief reason why the plan has not materialized, has not been due to the war, scarcity of young people, or the absence of a place to meet, but rather for the lack of initiative in getting the district organized, and the young people stirred into an active frame of mind.

We, being away for the last few years, plead ignorant as to whether or not any districts have been actually organized, or whether or not any rallies have been held since the organization date in 1932. We doubt if there has been more than half a dozen of the latter, but according to our constitution there should have been, between the years 1932-1944, at least 96, yes, 96 different rallies, figuring four districts with two rallies each per year, over a period of 12 years.

This is astounding! But it is not merely because our constitution calls for the district rally plan, or that we want to emphasize the failure of the past that we bring this to your attention; rather, we would forget the things that are behind and press forward to a fresh season of awakened interest and renewed activity in our young people's work.

There never was a time when our young people needed so much what friendly Christian gatherings can supply. The prevailing moral condition is a constant menace to the youth of our land. But who or what is going to meet the spiritual needs of our young people if not the church? THE CHURCH MUST! Then we must begin. Youth rallies can be of great benefit to the individual, to our societies, and to our work in general. The recent rally in Moncton proves the point, and already Dis-

Toward the grand success  
That waits ahead for folks who give  
And always do their best?

—The Watchword

## SELF DENIAL FUND

Claude McMullen .....	\$ 5.00
Grovinor Jensen .....	10.00
Jeanette Sears .....	2.00
A. D. CANN, Treasurer	

District No. 2 is considering its next meeting.

But how about the other districts? Shall we not go ahead, young people? If there are any officially appointed presidents, now is the time to begin your plans. Find out from the other societies what time and place would be the most convenient for all, then send your rally date and other details to your Y. P. Editor for printing on this page; or (since your editor is also the Assoc. Pres.) write in for any suggestions that we might be able to give you in helping to get your rally under way.

There is still time before Beulah, so let's start NOW!

## RALLY COMMENTS

A young woman: "I had a wonderful time, and I wish our whole Y. P. Society could have been there."

A young lad: "I wish I could be in meetings like this all the time."

A visiting lady: "It was a time of real spiritual uplift."

An "old" young man: "It was great to see so many young people serving the Lord."

A Y. P. Society President: "A time when we were freshly inspired and strengthened anew by communion with God and His people."

## LOOK OVER, NOT THROUGH

One day John Wesley was walking with a troubled man who expressed his doubt as to the goodness of God, and said:

"I don't know what I shall do with all this worry and trouble."

At that moment Wesley saw a cow looking over a stone wall, and asked the troubled man:

"Do you know why that cow is looking over that wall?"

"No," replied the man, who was worried. Wesley said:

"The cow is looking over the wall because she cannot see through it. That is what you must do with your wall of trouble—look over it and above it."—Selected.

## EASY ROADS ARE CROWDED

"The easy roads are crowded  
And the level roads are jammed;  
The pleasant little rivers  
With the drifting folks are crammed.  
But off yonder where it's rocky,  
Where you get a better view,  
You will find the ranks are thinning  
And the travellers are few." —Sel.

## AN ATHEIST SPEAKS

"Did I firmly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion would mean to me everything. I would cast away earthly enjoyments as dross,