

THE WISEMAN SAYS:

The greatest danger that confronts the younger generation is the example set by the older generation.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." Acts 3:6.

Y. P. RALLY AT ST. JOHN

NOTE:—We feel reluctant to allow any more time to elapse before giving our Page an account of the St. John Rally. No official report has been forthcoming, and even though the Y. P. Editor was not present at the whole convention, we will piece together what we can.—Y. P. Editor.

The combined rally of Districts No. 2 and 3 was held in St. John over the week-end of Oct. 6-8. The first service Friday night was an early indication of the rally's total success. Present that evening were delegates and visitors from at least twelve different societies, thus justifying the wisdom of combining the two districts.

Rev. H. E. Mullen, from Beals, Maine, was the special speaker, who preached, despite physical handicap, under the stimulation and anointing of the Spirit. Many words of commendation of his ministry during the convention have reached our ears. We are glad that he was able to be with us.

Saturday afternoon several items of business were cared for. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. Ralph Ingersoll; vice president, Mr. Scott Ingersoll; secretary, Mrs. Ralph Sabine; treasurer, Mr. DeVerne Mullen. The meeting then voted to retain the present "set-up" of the combined districts, at least for our rallies. Later, during a very refreshing and profitable discussion period, the young people went on record as being very much in favor of the proposed summer school at Beulah. Other matters were discussed, and much progress was made, we believe, toward the clarifying and recognition of the fundamental needs of our young people and their societies.

Following the afternoon session, a great number of our rally members gathered in a downtown Salvation Army Citadel for a profitable period of Christian fellowship about the supper tables.

As for Saturday night and Sunday, we gather from several quarters that they were occasions of great blessing and power. The climax came during the last service when six or eight went to the altar to be saved or sanctified. Several of these were from societies other than the entertaining church, and have gone back to their own societies to be a blessing there. One of our outstanding young men, in a letter to the Y. P. Editor, said this: "It sure was encouraging to see the young people take part so well. I believe all the churches in the two districts will be helped by that rally."

We are encouraged! Let all the districts keep up the good work. **Forward** is our cry.

REPORT OF RALLY, DIST. NO. 1

The Young People's Rally of District No. 1 was held at Fort Fairfield, Maine, Oct. 13-15, with Rev. B. C. Cochrane as special speaker. Brother and Sister Cochrane also helped provide special singing, being assisted throughout by Herbert McCrea, Perth, N. B., Orr Tillman, Marysville, N. B., and Rev. James ones, Bellaire, Ohio.

Friday night our speaker used as his text

MINUTE BIOGRAPHIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS

John Fletcher

John Fletcher, of whom it was said that "he was the most valuable of all Wesley's helpers in the Church of England," was born in Nyon, Switzerland, Sept. 12, 1729. Fletcher's name according to its French form was Jean de la Flechere.

Studios Youth

While but a lad, Fletcher had a passionate love for learning, often spending whole days in reading and study. The vast amount of knowledge that he gained as a youth, later made him well qualified to be one of Methodism's greatest writers.

A Providential Accident

Fletcher's parents wanted John to become a minister in the Church of England, but his ambition then was to follow a military life. His father forbade such a career but John was determined, finally setting out for Lisbon where he was given a captain's commission under the King of Portugal. He was to be sent to Brazil aboard a battleship, but on the very morning of his departure a clumsy servant scalded Fletcher's leg, making it impossible for him to leave his bed for several weeks.

Vicar of Madeley

As a result of this accident, which seemed providential, Fletcher changed his mind about the work of the Lord. He travelled to England where he came in contact with the Methodists, and after being genuinely converted, consecrated his life to the ministry.

Heb. 11:24, the subject being "Youth Makes a Strange Choice."

A business meeting was held Saturday afternoon at 2.30 when the following officers were elected: President, Betty Hilyard; vice-president, Lawson Saunders; secretary, Edith Emery; treasurer, Laurence Mullen. Various ideas on how to improve our young people's meetings were discussed after the election of officers.

Saturday evening Brother Cochrane preached on the subject: "Youth Wins in Life's Conflict."

Sunday was a full day with three services besides Sunday school. The message of the evening was based on Rev. 3:20. One seeker was forward for sanctification, finding victory, and afterwards gave a very inspiring testimony. A general testimony meeting followed. Before the benediction, Rev. and Mrs. Cochrane sang: "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand," which brought a very fitting close to our rally.

There were about forty-five delegates and visitors present from the other churches of the district. The weather was very disagreeable but the general attendance was good.

We thank God for victory and help received during this meeting, and we trust that there will be more rallies in the future.

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Robert Harris 5.20

Fletcher and Wesley

After his first contact with Wesley, Fletcher made himself, through his devotion and zeal, quite indispensable to the "father of Methodism." On one occasion Wesley exclaimed: "How wonderful are the ways of God! When my bodily strength failed, and no clergyman in England was able and willing to assist me, He sent help from the mountains of Switzerland, and a helpmeet for me in every respect. Where could I have found such another?"

His Famous "Checks"

About this time Methodism, as is the case with true holiness today, was beset by the Calvinistic controversy. Wesley felt the need of coming to the help of his people, and undertook the heavy burden of defence. In this matter Fletcher made his greatest contribution by answering the dangerous heresy in his now famous **Checks to Antinomianism**.

Untimely Death

Wesley hoped to make Fletcher his successor, but this hope was frustrated by the unexpected death of the saintly Vicar of Madeley in 1785. No more fitting words could end this short biography than Wesley's own estimation of his departed friend: "Within four-score years," he says, "I have known many excellent men, holy in heart and life, but one equal to him I have not known, one so uniformly and deeply devoted to God. So unblamable a man in every respect I have not found either in Europe or America, nor do I expect to find another such on this side of eternity."

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

The Lord does not look upon one's social rank; the family of Jesse had no conspicuousness; Cromwell and Napoleon were of plebeian birth. The Lord does not look upon one's family history; the lineage of Jesse. Obed and Ruth was quite humble in its origin. The Lord does not look upon one's fortune; "the poverty of Aristides was more noble than the wealth of Midas." Nor does the Lord look upon one's appearance; Paul was diminutive and half blind, in bodily presence weak and in speech contemptible, "but," says Chrysostom, "this man of three cubits' height became tall enough to touch the third heaven." The Lord does not look upon one's age: Polycarp was converted at nine years of age, Matthew Henry at eleven, President Edwards at seven, Robert Hall at twelve, and Isaac Watts at nine.—Robinson.

True religion is no other than the true method of becoming really and durably rich and honorable and joyful.—Jonathan Edwards.

The strength of the Believer is to abide in Christ. The strategy of the devil is to get him out of harmony with God.—Geo. H. C. McGregor.