

GREATNESS THROUGH SERVICE

"Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."—Matt. 20:27.

MEETING OF THE CANADIAN YOUTH HOLINESS ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Youth Holiness Association, which consists of members from most of the holiness groups in Canada, convened in Toronto at the St. Clair Church of the Nazarene, Sept. 1-2.

Rev. B. C. Cochrane, president of the C. Y. H. A., presided at the opening service, when the convention speaker, Rev. Richard Traver, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, Lockport, N. Y., gave a stirring message on "Love, the Central Pillar of Holiness." Brother Traver came to us from a wide experience of work with young people's groups. His other messages throughout the two day convention were original, stimulating, and blessed of God.

The business session of the association was held on Saturday afternoon. Prior to the election of officers (the list of new officers will be found on another part of this page) there was a very interesting discussion on some of the problems of our youth today. Three different speakers gave short talks on the following subjects: "The Challenge of Meeting the Needs of the Young Men in the Armed Forces," "The Challenge of Industrial Chaplaincy," "The Challenge of the 'Teen Age Groups,'" and "The Challenge of the Congested City Areas." The speakers showed very effectively that there is a tremendous need for Christian work in these different spheres, and that the message of holiness could meet that need.

The convention resolved to forward two major emphases for the coming year: the first, **inspirational**, in an endeavor to awaken our young people to the true spiritual values of experiential holiness; and second, **educational**, through the medium of interesting and well prepared literature to acquaint outsiders as well as our own group with our doctrinal position, and to give publicity to the fact that **there is** a large body of people in hearty support of the holiness program.

The concluding service of the convention was held Sunday night in conjunction with the Canadian Holiness Federation, in a mass meeting at the Broadview Free Methodist Church. Due to the absence of Rev. E. A. Cooper, the newly elected C. Y. H. A. president, Rev. B. C. Cochrane, spoke in behalf of the young people's group, pledging the co-operation of the Association with the Holiness Federation. Rev. R. H. Hamilton, president of the Federation, spoke for that group.

A fine spirit prevailed throughout the whole convention. Denominational differences diffused before the unifying influence of Christian love. Concern for the cause of holiness was paramount, our vision was cleared of any remaining taint of religious provincialism, and in our hearts was planted a burning desire to see holiness, as taught by John Wesley, propagated "from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

The history of the Christian Church should give us courage. The Gospel has not failed. Glorious results have followed when men have taken Christ seriously, have lived in Him, and have intelligibly presented Him to their men.—T. R. Glover.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

A Young People's Rally for District No. 1 is to be held at Fort Fairfield, Maine, Friday, Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 15. Rev. B. C. Cochrane, of Moncton, N. B., is to be the special speaker. All young people are cordially invited.

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

Dear Young People:

A new Young People's Society was organized here at Beals, Aug. 20th. We have our weekly meeting on Sunday night at 6 o'clock. Our services are interesting and quite well attended. There were twenty at our last meeting.

We are fortunate in having a spirit-filled young man as our president, Mr. Clayton Alley, and we believe the Lord will use him to lead us on into the deep things of God.

We are looking to the Lord for His help and blessing, and trust that others may be added to our number.

LILLIE MULLEN,
Reporter

HOPELESS?

Hopeless? Life Sordid?
Just be still and know,
That out of the mire of things
His lilies grow!
Fearful and trembling?
Hurt and afraid?
Remember His message:
"Be not dismayed."
Sick and discouraged?
Remember He even wept,
Even while He assured them,
Lazarus slept.
Down in the mire, friend?
Haven't much show?
Still out of the mire of things
His lilies grow!

—Sel.

QUOTES FROM C. Y. H. A. SPEAKER

No man is normal mentally or spiritually until he is sanctified holy.

When holiness churches get too fine for the poor people to come in, then they're too fine.

I may look like a poor person, but I'm a child of the King.

I don't believe in a "works" religion, but I believe religion works.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE C. Y. H. A.

President—Rev. E. A. Cooper (Free Methodist).

Vice-Pres.—Rev. W. M. Shantz (Menonite Brethren in Christ).

Secretary—Rev. John Riley (Nazarene)

Treasurer—Rev. M. Summers (Wesleyan Methodist).

Additional members of the Executive:

Rev. B. C. Cochrane (Reformed Baptist)

Rev. Wm. Dickson (Holiness Movement)

Rev. Allan McGuire (Pilgrim Holiness)

Miss Hazel Fawcett (Gospel Workers)

Miss Ethel Clark (Standard Holiness)

THE SINNER'S BIBLE

There is never an instant's true between virtue and vice. Goodness is the only investment that never fails.

MINUTE BIOGRAPHIES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS

JOHN BUNYAN

John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, was born in Elstow, Bedfordshire, England, in 1628.

Early Life

Bunyan's father was a tinker, and John himself followed the same trade for awhile, but being of an adventuresome nature, he lived a varied and colorful life before his conversion. He was a soldier in the parliament army, and on one occasion probably escaped death when a fellow soldier wanted to take Bunyan's place on sentry duty. Bunyan agreed, but the new sentry was shot through the head with a musket ball.

Narrow Escapes

Following this experience, Bunyan was saved from drowning, and again nearly met death from a very poisonous snake. It seems that God preserved this young man's life for a special purpose, but until 1653, he knew very little about religious things.

Conversion

One day, however, while he was passing down the street, Bunyan saw four women sitting in a doorway, and paused to hear their talk. They were discussing the new birth, God's mercy, and the miserable life of the unbeliever, Bunyan was smitten with conviction, and went soon to discuss his condition with Mr. Gifford, a Baptist minister of Bedford. He was led to the Lord, and after being baptized, joined the church in 1653.

In Jail for Preaching

A few years later, Bunyan felt called to preach, but his ministry brought only persecution, which finally culminated in a jail sentence. He spent nearly thirteen years in Bedford prison, but like a Joseph in Egypt, his experience but served to the betterment of his fellowman. It was here that he wrote *Pilgrim's Progress* which ranks high among the world's literature.

Successful Ministry

After Bunyan's release, he went immediately to preaching, and with the help of friends soon established a great tabernacle in Bedford, the scene of his apparent defeat. God blessed him, and thousands were saved under his ministry.

Writings

Besides *Pilgrim's Progress*, his literary efforts include *Abounding Grace*, an autobiography, and *The Holy War*, both of which are read today.

John Bunyan's life is a great testimony to the mighty grace of God, for naught else but God's touch could have transformed that sinful tinker into a humble servant of Jesus Christ.

Bunyan died at the age of sixty, on August 31, 1688.

W. H. M.

In prayer the most important thing is to catch the ear of Him to whom I speak. Do not offer one petition until you are fully conscious of having secured the attention of God! The Spirit is ready to fill you with the holy consciousness that the everlasting, almighty God is indeed very near you.—Andrew Murray,