

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."  
—ECCLES. 12:1

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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We received a very interesting letter from Rev. H. S. Mullen just recently. He enclosed with said letter an article written by a converted Roman Catholic. We are printing this letter in our young people's page. The story will be completed in a further article which will include her experience of heart purity.

### THIRTEEN YEARS A ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### COMFORTER ABIDES PEACE . . . PURITY . . . POWER

The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in His fullness is invariably manifested by a peace that floweth like a river, a beautiful purity of purpose, and a power that prevails with God, in prayer.

When we have the anointing that abideth, the Holy Spirit becomes our Teacher, the Bible our principal textbook, and all those who are similarly anointed our fellow students.

As we abide in the Holy Spirit we live in an atmosphere of love, joy, peace, and delightful spiritual warmth.

We are cleansed from all sin by the instrumentality of the blood of Jesus, and the personality of the Holy Spirit.

God's plan is that the Holy Spirit shall not be an occasional and transient Visitor to our hearts, but that He shall abide within us for time and eternity.

It is blessed to have the peace of God, rather than the peace of circumstances; it is more blessed to have the God of peace working His perfect will within us.

#### SILENT CHRISTIANS

I may say with truth that there is only about one in ten who professes Christianity who will turn round and glorify God with a loud voice. Nine out of ten are still-born Christians. You never hear of them. If you press them hard with the question whether they are Christians they might say: "Well, I hope so." We never see it in their actions; we never see it in their lives. They might belong to the church you go to, but you never see them at the prayer-meetings or taking any interest in the church affairs. They don't profess it among their fellows or in their business, and the result is that there are hundreds going on with a half hope, not sure whether their religion will stand them or not.

—D. L. Moody.

#### BETHANY

The doors of Bethany Bible College will soon swing open for another year. Only a few weeks remain before enrollment and initiation time. Perhaps you haven't made up your mind to go as yet. The cost, hard study, inconveniences, of one kind or another, all have to be considered. Yet there are some positive things you will gain by going. An education, a spiritual environment, tuition by Christian teachers, an opportunity for service. Don't be weighed in the balance and be found wanting.

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Man without a conscience, is a machine without a regulator; sometimes too fast, sometimes too slow, and seldom right.

#### SELF DENIAL FUND

Societies are reminded that the Self Denial Fund is a vitally important project. Money received in this manner go to the support of Foreign and Home Missions, Bethany and Children's work. Let us have a record year of giving from our various societies. Send all monies to Rev. Roosevelt Benson, Grand Manan, N. B.

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By Winnifred MacPherson

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (St. John 1:12).

I am writing this primarily with a hope that my experience may help at least one Catholic who is unhappy in the Roman Catholic religion for any reason and yet afraid to investigate Protestantism for fear of going against the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. They have been taught that this is the only true church and therefore are made to feel that any investigation of the Protestant church would be going against God and they would lose their souls.

Catholic reader—ask yourself this question: Who told you that you must believe that the Roman Catholic Church was established by Christ for the salvation of men? Did Christ in His Word? You will find it nowhere in the Bible which contains all the known Word of God.

Perhaps you will say—as I once said—"No, not in the Bible, but in the tradition of the Church." Search the Scriptures and you will see that they are the traditions of men. Have you, I, or anyone the right to push aside the Word of God in favor of the traditions of men? "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of the world, and not after Christ" (Col. 2:8). "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:18-19.)

Paul also tells us in Galatians 5:1: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

I thank God that He had not given me up to the bondage of Rome into which I was taken. He has remained with me and led me into the true light of His Word.

I would like to go briefly into life history in order to give you some idea of how God guides His children who have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Before I begin, I must say that our lives are not ruled by fate, luck, or chance, but guided and planned by God according to our desire to know Him better or to ing to our desire to know Him and serve Him. Anyone desiring to know Him better or to be led where they can best serve Him need only place their trust in Him. He will deliver them from every bondage. Read Romans 8:37-39: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height,

nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I was born 27 years ago in Nova Scotia, the third in a family of five girls. I have reason to believe that my mother was a good Christian woman and would have brought us up in the fear and love of God. However, God called her home when I was six years of age. My father was a respectable citizen but not interested in Christianity. Therefore we had to decide ourselves whether or not we attended church, any church except the Roman Catholic Church. There he would draw the line.

We believed in God. The wonders of nature compelled us to believe in a Supreme Being who made everything and especially ourselves. Partly because we wanted to know more about God and partly because we liked the friendly meetings we went almost regularly to the Salvation Army Hall. There the Gospel of Christ was constantly presented until I realized the significance of God's love and purpose for us as it is revealed in His Word. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

One evening I went forward and accepted Christ as my Saviour. I knew then that I was a child of God and that old things had passed away. My joy knew no bounds and although I came home alone in the dark I thought only of the ways I could love and serve Him in return.

Soon after this my father's health was impaired. The doctors, believing that he would live for only a few months, advised him to secure homes for his children.

I went to live with a family who were very good to me. However, I was not there long when I discovered that they were Roman Catholics. I had a dread of the Roman Catholic Church and became lonely and unhappy when they would tell me that I was to go to the convent school and Roman Catholic Church.

They took me to Mass one Sunday. We sat in the balcony and I could not see the priest. I could hear him chanting in some strange language and the people kept rising—not to sing, but for some reason which I could not then understand. I sat through it all and wondered if they could truly be worshipping God in this manner. True it was strange to me, but should a child's first introduction to the "True Church of Christ" be like this? I had already known Christ but I am sure that if I had been at that age searching for the truth I would find no help or encouragement by going into a Catholic Church to attend Mass.

However, the folks realizing that I was discontented, sent me back home.

A little later, I went to live with an elderly Presbyterian couple in the country. They were good Christians and I was happy there. Apparently it was not God's will for me to stay there. I was not very strong at that time, and they being elderly, did not feel that they could take on the responsibility of an operation and the care of me. I came back home with a heavy heart and wondered why this had happened to me.

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There'll be no time for kicking.