

## EDITORIAL

### WHY TEMPTATIONS?

(Cont.)

We have considered previously the two important questions, viz.: What is Temptation and How are we Tempted. Today we will think about Overcoming Temptation.

#### The Necessity of Overcoming Temptation

The Christian experience offers to us the ability to Overcome the onslaughts of the enemy. There is a source from which Temptation comes, this source begins in the evil personality of the Devil. All temptations proceed from his influence that he breathes upon the sons of men. There is a source from which flows the power to resist temptation, this source is found to be in Christ Himself. From Him proceeds the spiritual ability to enable us His followers to overcome Temptation. There must be then a clash of spiritual beings at the point of Temptation. The Devil and Christ meet and we determine the outcome of the contest. We resist the devil and he flees from us or we give in to him and so go down in defeat. Let us not forget that Christ has already defeated the Devil as far as He is concerned, and offers to us His power that we might also do likewise. Christ is the great example in the manner in which He overcame Temptation, so we must follow His pattern for our own spiritual victory over the common foe of mankind.

It is of great necessity that we overcome Temptation for our own spiritual welfare as well as for the sake of others. We never fall without affecting others. We never gain the victory without affecting others. All who have fallen into Temptation and yielded to the subtlety of the Devil know all too well the remorse and sorrow that brought. Something has been lost from our experience. We do not have a clear conscience. Testimony and Witness is clouded. And let it be said right here that when we have fallen into temptation we have SINNED and no longer is our experience a Christian experience. We must seek the pardoning Grace of Christ and get His forgiveness for our sin. Until we have done this we cannot claim to be a Christian.

In the light of what has been said we see the necessity to Overcome Temptation. If Jesus Christ is living in our hearts through faith, if the Holy Spirit abides, if our conscience condemns us not, if our spirit Witness witnesses with Christ spirit that we are the Sons of God, if we know the power that keeps and satisfies us then WE CAN OVERCOME TEMPTATION. Everything is in our favour, all heaven is on our side.

"Yield not to Temptation, for yielding is sin; Each victory will help us some other to win; Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue; Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through."

## ROOM FOR CHRIST

All of us have pondered again and again at Christmas time over the picture of Joseph and Mary arriving at Bethlehem, tired and weary and unable to find a place to lodge for the night. We have sung and heard sung songs to the theme of "No Room in the Inn," and we have criticized a people that would not give a decent place in which the Christ could be born.

There is a far more inexcusable sin—that is in refusing to make room for the Christ today. It is surprising how independent we get when we have a few material goods and a few conveniences. It is alarming how indifferent and self-complacent we can get, pulling the shutters of our own little lives and forgetting the Christ who is searching in the night for a place to lodge.

### HARK! THE BELLS!

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

**Hark! the Christmas bells are ringing!**

**Hear them carol sweet and clear—**

**Hope for heartache ever bringing,**

**At the falling of the year.**

**Hope—despite earth's weight of sorrow,**

**And the blackness of its sin;**

**Telling of a bright tomorrow**

**When God's love shall enter in.**

**Hark! the Christmas bells are telling**

**Of a Prince who left His throne,**

**Tidings joyously out-swelling**

**Of a star that brightly shone.**

**Every shadow, dark, distressing,**

**Stirs to glory in its light;**

**Seeking hearts receive a blessing,**

**And the meek are clothed in might!**

**Bonds of death are sawn asunder,**

**There is joy for all who mourn,**

**Since that night of magic wonder**

**When the Prince of Peace was born!**

**Hark! the Christmas bells are ringing**

**At the closing of the year,**

**Messages of comfort bringing—**

**Is your heart attuned to hear?**

I have often thought, when I have found it necessary to search for a hotel room late at night in a crowded city, what must be the feeling of frustration, of defeat, or "unwantedness," of loneliness and despair our Lord has as He goes from life to life and finds a sign at each saying, "No vacancy," or to meet a cold, curt, reply, "Sorry, we're all filled up."

There is no excuse for a young person's thus treating Christ. It is true, perhaps, that there is "no vacancy," but this should not be the case. If your life is too full for Christ, it is too full. To make room for Him will mean putting out only that which is ruinous to your

## FROM THE Y. P. A. PRESIDENT

Dear Young People:

Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour.

I imagine that, with the coming of the winter season, you have all begun to make plans for Christmas. That of course is the natural thing to do. I am wondering if we have been thinking in which our local society can magnify the name of our Lord during this Christmas Season.

There are many suggestions which could be made. However, I shall only make one which, I believe, will not only bring joy and gladness to the hearts of many but also be a great source of blessing to each member who participates (and all can take part).

This suggestion is that each local society plan to cheer the heart of all the sick, shut-in and aged people in your community. Of course the way to do this is by caroling. With a bit of planning many will be cheered and you will be blessed.

The first thing in planning such a program is to make a list of all whom you will be visiting. Then you must decide what evening or evenings you will be able to go. Perhaps also you will have to find means of transportation in order that sick and aged at a distance may be reached.

I sincerely trust that each local society shall plan to exalt the name of our Christ in a SPECIAL way during this Christmas season.

Christmas Greetings to you all.

Milton W. Bagley,  
(President)

### MARYSVILLE FIRST; MONCTON SECOND IN BOOKS-FOR- BETHANY CONTEST

November the twenty-ninth ended the first denominational young people's contest. When it is noted that only eleven societies participated, the participants are to be commended for the job they did. Letters from societies revealed that enthusiasm and interest were keen in some cases—the young people were really out to do their best and they seemed to like the idea of the contest.

The Marysville and Moncton Societies deserve our congratulations, as well as the prizes they have earned. Besides these, all societies registering over one hundred credits are to be applauded. For a society its size, the Amherst Society made a remarkable showing.

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own life. All that is legitimate and good can be retained as Christ dwells with you.

Why not, at this glorious season of the year, let Christ into your life; or, if you already have, let Him more fully possess it than ever before? As you read again, and I hope anew, the Christmas story and sing again the Christmas songs, let them ring with reality and let them help make Christ real to you.—Selected.

*A Joyous Christmas To You All*