

"Let no man despise thy youth,
but be thou an example . . ."
1 Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

Voice of the Reformed Baptist Y. P. A.

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EDITORIAL

THE VOICE?

The caption on the head of this page has attracted my attention. It reads: "Voice of the Reformed Baptist Young People's Association." The caption is quite proper, as the page on which it appears is at the disposal of the Association.

However, the word "Voice" suggests that this page is the denomination-wide spokesman for our young people. Professedly, the material of the page is representative of the thinking and activity of the R. B. Y. P. A.

If the page is not to be a hypocrite, it must present as wide a coverage as possible of what is going on in our societies and it must as truly as possible express the tenor and trend of our thought. The point is we must participate in making the page meet our expectations. We can participate by sending society reports, by writing personal articles, by making suggestions for the improvement of the page. What would you like to see added to the page? or changed? Speak up and express yourself, for you have a "Voice."

C. E. S.

NO TIME

No time for God?

What fools we are to clutter up
Our lives with common things,
And leave without heart's gate
The Lord of life, and life itself—
Our God.

No time for God?

As soon to say, "No time
To eat or sleep or love or die."
Take time for God,
Or you shall dwarf your soul;
And when the angel Death
Comes knocking at your door,
A poor, misshapen thing you'll be
To step into eternity.

No time for God?

That day when sickness comes or finds
you out,
And you cry out for God,
Will He have time for you?

No time for God?

Some day you'll lay aside
This mortal self, and make your way
To worlds unknown;
And when you meet Him face to face
Will He—should He
Have time for you? —Author Unknown

WANTED

Russell Brown, of Lower Brighton, wants a student whom he can coach in his high school work. His present student, Walter Mullen, has passed his matrics and is continuing his studies elsewhere. Here is a good opportunity for an older boy to have a good home, to earn some money, and to complete his matriculation work more quickly than in the regular High school. Write to Russell Brown, Newburgh Junction, N. B.

How to Ditch a Notion

Karl W. Johnston

Airlines call an emergency landing of a land plane at sea "ditching." One company provides a pamphlet for passengers, "How to Ditch Without a Hitch." It is serious business to be coming down at sea in a land plane for an emergency landing. Every precaution for safety is taken. Careful instructions are given.

It occurs to me that I have heard an awful lot of talk lately about giving up notions. It seems that almost overnight we have developed an insight superior to that of past generations. I am serious. This alarms me. It is true that in the process of spiritual growth we will change our views toward certain things. Let us take every precaution, however, that we may "ditch, without a hitch," these notions.

One young person of my acquaintance who has talked a lot about "ditching" his notions, ditched his fervent prayer life along with the notions. I heard a man teaching a class of intermediates on a campground. To them he said, "God does not expect young people to dress like grandmothers." That remark is true, but is it wise? Did you see any young people on your campground this summer that seemed to have gotten the notion that they must dress like grandmother?

The expression of the need of shifting the emphasis from "externals" to heart culture in this day has resulted in a serious trend. It is pretty difficult to evaluate the results yet. I do deplore the fact that in an increasing way any stand regarding so called "externals" is being labeled notions.

Well, our theme is "How to Ditch a Notion."

First—go slow, there is danger here. Take it to the Lord in prayer. Wait in His presence until perfectly yielded to His will in the matter. Be as willing to maintain the "notion" as to "ditch" it. Examine your personal desire in the matter. How deeply do you desire to change your practice, and why?

Search the Scriptures. Give time to this. Ask others—your pastor perhaps—to refer you to scripture bearing on the matter.

Counsel with those who by reason of their prayer life, stability and quality of spirit have proved to be spiritually-minded.

After you have made your decision in the matter, test your reaction. Does the peace of God still abide?

Be sure not to give up an attitude just because somebody speaks of it lightly whether in conversation or from the pulpit. Too many people are "at sea" in these days because they have acted hastily.—Wesleyan Youth.

TO THOSE PLANNING TO ATTEND BETHANY

Students who plan to attend Bethany Bible College should send in their application by August 15. A registration fee of \$2.00 should accompany each application. For further information consult the school calendar or write, The Registrar, Bethany Bible College, Box 1100, Yarmouth, N. S.

PREXIE'S PROBLEMS

Contributed by the Presidents of Local Societies.

As I see it, one of the major problems of the young people's society is to get unsaved young people to attend. The chief reason for this seems to be a lackadaisical attitude on the part of those who do attend.

A young people's society may have a fine program, good talent, and an excellent executive, but unless young people are finding God in the services all the effort is of little avail.

In John 1:45 we read these words, "Philip findeth Nathanael and saith unto him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'"

The above text might well provide a model attitude for all Christian young people regarding their obligation to their friends and associates.

No sooner had Philip found the Lord when he thought of Nathanael. All of us as young people who know the Lord have our Nathanaels—those with whom we live and work every day.

Non-Christian young people will rarely come of their own accord to hear the gospel, but many with whom we are acquainted could and would come at our invitation.

Usually we get to know several people especially well. We feel no reserve in asking them to go here and there with us, so why be afraid to invite them to young people's? You don't need to be a skilled personal worker, but just a friendly invitation from you may be all that is required.

The greatest problem seems to be to impress our young people with how easy it is to reach our next-door neighbour, our office associate, those with whom we board and come in contact.

If each individual would concentrate on bringing one with him or her to each service the attendance need never be a source of worry to the young people's president, for each one bringing one just doubles the attendance.

If we as young people could get a vision of how faithful we could be in the little things, God, working through us, could show the "mysteries of His grace" in saving the lost souls of those for whom He died. End

The purpose of this column is to consider problems with the hope of solving them or at least working on them. It may be easier and more effective to make suggestions through this medium than to make them locally to the societies.

In reference to this issue's problem, we say that we appreciate the emphasis, but we suggest that you should feel that you are accomplishing something even when young people are not saved. Your services may have more than one value.—Ed.

NOTICE

Would each society send a post card informing the Young People's Editor of the names and addresses of the president and secretary of each local society? Do it before you forget.