

"Let no man despise thy youth,
but be thou an example . . ."

I Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL

STATISTICS that STARTLE

"One of the most populous and varied counties in the Country (New York, U. S. A.) discovers 90 percent of its youth drink to some extent, most of them 'moderately.' They start early, generally before the age of 16. And most of these teen-agers' parents also drink. Nassau County may be different from other communities, but the conclusions of this study by the Research Bureau of Hofstra College are likely to apply everywhere." Thus reads the introduction to "First Report On High-school Drinking" in the March issue of "Better Homes and Gardens." The article gives statistical support to the idea that "things have changed."

As startling as some of the changes is the attitude of many towards the changes. In Nassau County in which the survey was made "most parents permit their children to drink. Almost 75 percent of those youngsters who drink took their first drink at home, under the parental eye and with the parental blessing . . . 68 percent of the parents allow their 14-year-olds to drink at home . . ."

The Editor hopes that these facts will alarm you as they did him that together we may be a force against the evil trends of the day and a power for righteousness. Let us "work for the night cometh" that many young people may be saved from the Devourer. Can't we do more?

—C. E. S.

Give Me a Vision

Lord, open mine eyes that I may see
Souls that are lost and in need of Thee;
Give me a vision of needy hearts;
Fill my life with love to do my part.

Show me my responsibility;
Give me faith in God's ability.
Put within, a flame of loving zeal—
Lord, give me a vision, sure and real.
—Stella May Hughes.

Notice the Notices

Denominational Rally, May 21-23:

As our Youth Rally draws near for the Reformed Baptist Denomination, would those who plan to attend and stay overnight please contact the Hartland Society by writing Mr. John McElhinney, Jr., Hartland, N. B.

We are looking for a great time in the Lord. We trust that many shall be able to attend the Rally.

May God bless all our young people that are working for Him.

Juanita Crabbe, Reporter.

District No. 6 Rally, April 16:

The first youth rally of the newly-organized District No. 6 will be a big one-day rally on Good Friday at Truro, with services at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. A business meeting of delegates will be held at 4.00 p.m.

Rev. B. C. Cochrane, Denominational Superintendent, will be the special speaker. Music will be provided by the various societies.

The King's Highway

SOCIETY REPORTS

Moncton

Seeing it is time that a report from the Moncton Young People's Society be sent in to the "Highway," I am glad as Highway Reporter to be able to say that God is blessing us here, and that means more than anything else I could say.

We have just finished a week of special meetings—Youth Week—with Rev. H. R. Ingersoll of Barker's Point as special speaker. His messages were wonderful and we feel, came direct from the Lord. Many were helped at an altar of prayer, and, I am sure, all were encouraged to "fight the good fight" for the Lord. All of the meetings were well attended, which was also a source of encouragement. Especially were we glad to have in attendance some new young people and older ones, too, who do not attend our church.

It might be of interest to say that we have on two occasions held service with our Sussex Society. We at Moncton were privileged to have them present at one of our Monday night meetings. Mr. Nicholson spoke, bringing a helpful message. Later on we had an opportunity of meeting with them in their service. Our own young people were in charge of this meeting. We feel that this time of Christian fellowship was good for us all.

God bless each and every society and make us all a strong force against evil.

Merle Smith, Highway Reporter

Woods Harbor

The Woods Harbor R.B.Y.P.S. had complete charge of the evening service February 7, honoring Youth Week. Our president, Mrs. Lee Wilson, led the service. Our vice-president, Mrs. Alvin Nickerson, sang in a quartet number with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson and St. Clair Nickerson. Our treasurer, Mrs. Juanita Garron, sang a solo. Miss Marilyn Malone is our secretary. We had a musical offertory and a number by the Young People's choir. At the society's request Mrs. L. D. Saunders preached the evening message. We had an excellent turnout and all seemed to enjoy the service. God met with us and blessed in a special way. The young people had a good time working for the Lord and their prayer is that God will use them in the salvation of many other lost young people.

Mrs. Juanita Garron, Reporter.

A PROOF OF TRUE GREATNESS

The story is told that during the War Between the States, Jefferson Davis wanted a reliable officer for an important position. He asked General Lee what he thought of Mr. Whiting for the place. General Lee commented him highly.

One of Lee's officers, hearing of the appointment, was greatly surprised at Mr. Lee's fine commendation and, calling him aside, said, "Don't you know what unkind things Mr. Whiting has been saying about you?"

General Lee answered, "I understand that the president wanted to know my opinion of Whiting and not Whiting's opinion of me."

Great men do not notice criticism or slights. It is the small man, who is carried away with his own importance, who cannot overlook personal attacks.—Clipped.

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

R. T. Benson

These words were spoken by Peter, and are recorded in John 6:68. Jesus, in the synagogue at Capernaum, had just delivered His beautiful discourse on "the Bread of Life." Some of His followers became offended by His teaching and "went back and walked no more with Him." Thus the occasion of our text.

"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

I believe young people today are asking much the same question. Where can we go? Where can we find that which will satisfy? To whom shall we go?

Young people naturally desire to be a success in life, and possibly think that if they make lots of money, get earthly riches, that their hearts' desire will be met. They would answer our question and say, let us go to the rich man and to riches. Surely here we can get all that our hearts desire.

Let us turn to God's Word, Mark 10:17-22. Here we see one running and kneeling before Jesus. It is the rich young ruler, a man with great possessions. Yet he is troubled; he is not satisfied. Jesus shows him the way to eternal life. But he turns away from Jesus still with his riches, but sad and sorrowful. Let us turn now to Luke 12:16-21, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully . . ." And he thought he was well off, and in the sight of the world he was. "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." We must go to another for we cannot find that which will meet the need here.

Then let us look to the good moral man, or we might say the self-righteous man. Here again we can look at the life of the rich young ruler in Mark 10. He kept the commandments. He would be an asset to almost any community, a goodly young man. Jesus looking upon him loved him. Note that he had both the riches and the good morals, yet he went away sorrowful. These did not satisfy or give the hope of eternal life. Then there are the Pharisees, the high-classed people of Jesus' day. Yet Christ likened them to "whited sepulchers which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." (Matt. 23:27). Jesus says further, "except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven." No, friends, our own goodness or self-righteousness will not meet the need. We must go to another.

(To be continued)

I think it wisest in a man to do his work in the world as quietly and as well as he can, without much heeding the praise or dispraise.

—Tennyson.