

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIALS

Things for Which to be Thankful

A perfect salvation
A present victory over sin
The constant companionship of Christ
The written Word
The fellowship of the church

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The love of friends and families
The privilege of service
The opportunities to learn
The beauties of nature
The comfort and inspiration of music
The company of good books

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The shelter of homes
The warmth of clothes
The daily provision of food
The enjoyment of health
The bounty of the field, forest, and sea.

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"Oh that men would praise the Lord for
His goodness, and for his wonderful works to
the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8).

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Did You Note . . .

that all the articles and reports on this page
are written by members of our own group?

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A YOUTH CAMP TESTIMONY

Cheryl MacMullen, Hartland, N. B.

As a young person I am truly thankful for the privilege to attend a Christian youth camp. I have been to Beulah Youth Camp for three years in succession, and I love it. The fun we can have with Christian young people, as well as the spiritual uplift we get, certainly makes this youth camp worthwhile. After going to a public high school for a year and mingling with unsaved young people, it certainly is a spiritual boost to find so many young people in one place serving the same God. Any young person seeking a place to spend a ten-day vacation could find no better place than Beulah Youth Camp.

Millville Reports

The Young People's Society of the Millville Church held its annual business meeting June 19th. At this meeting we had our election of officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

President—Sheila Graham.
Vice-President—Anna Crouse.
Sec't-Treasurer—Muriel Smith.
Asst. Sec't-Treas.—Pauline Gorman.
Organist—Alice Owens.
Ushers—Dale Hull and Gordon Graham, Jr.
Highway Reporter—Betty Hoyt.

This meeting was under the leadership of our new President, Sheila Graham.

Betty Hoyt,
Highway Reporter

"The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, men who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it comes.

—Charles Kingsley.

THE BEST BOOK

By Rev. M. W. Bagley

There is a chorus with words like this, "In times like these we need a Bible." This is a very true statement. We do need a Bible in these days, but above that we need to live by the Bible. Some say that the Bible is old-fashioned and out of date, but I would like you to note with me some facts concerning the Bible, God's Holy Word.

Many best selling books do not live long but here is a book that, although thousands of years old, stands out in this highly scientific age in a place by itself, the best seller of all! It is read in the snow igloos of the Eskimos, in the bamboo huts of the Tropics, in the boat homes of the river people of China, and also in many of the modern homes of America today.

Here is a book which took about sixteen hundred years to write and has been in existence another sixteen hundred years. Yet it is as virile and full of life as ever. Generally speaking, publishers consider a book dead after five years of publication but the BIBLE, God's Holy Word, has been published every year for centuries.

The Bible is of incalculable worth. The British nation realized this and paid the sum of one hundred thousand pounds to purchase one of the most ancient manuscripts of the Bible, which is now kept in the British Museum in London.

It is, however, the message which the book carries which makes it of such great value.

The Bible is made up of sixty-six books written by some thirty-six different writers of such varying walks of life as kings, poets, shepherds, prophets and fishermen, over a period of sixteen hundred years—yet there is one great theme, the redemption of mankind. The unity and consistency of this great book is proof of its Divine origin. Not only this but also the Bible itself declares, "Holy men of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

The Bible is the inspired word of God—and yet some men have the audacity to say that Milton, Shakespeare and Karl Marx were inspired, but when you read Milton's poems, Shakespeare's plays or Marx's manifesto you do not find at the commencement "Thus sayeth the Lord" or "Hear ye the word of the Lord." Hence, you see, the Bible is God's message to mankind.

Without doubt the Bible has been demolished, overthrown, burned and exploded more times than any other book you have ever heard of. Every little while someone will try to upset this Book but it is like upsetting a cube of granite. It is just as big one way as the other; and when you have upset it, it is right side up still. In Voltaire's time athiests were going to completely demolish the Bible and all Christian faith. "In less than one hundred years," said Voltaire, "Christianity will have been swept from existence and will have passed into history." Infidelity ran riot through France, and even today that nation is still feeling the curse and blight of its influence. The century has passed, and Voltaire has also passed into history, and not very respectable history either; few infidels would care to read publicly Voltaire's biography as written by a

JOHN THE BAPTIST:

Part I

The Desert Prophet

By Judson Sanders

John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. He was in desert places until his showing forth unto Israel. He was clothed in sackcloth, and was girded about with a leathern girdle, and his food was locusts and wild honey. His meditations were hushed by the strong silence of the desert stars, and the music of his devotions was the harping of the desert wind. His was not the companionship of young men of his kind, but the solitudes of the wide open spaces, the warmth of the desert sun, and the constant companionship of the Spirit of God. Day by day he walked with God, felt His presence, and heard His voice. Day by day he learned more from God about his life's purpose, and day by day God taught him more about the nature and mission of the One Whose forerunner and announcer he was foreordained to be.

John's place in time and history was unique. The last of the prophets, he was to see and meet in person the foretold Messiah. Enoch had said, "Behold He cometh with ten thousand of His saints." Job tells us, "Though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Isaiah shouts, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?" What a supreme moment, what an outstanding point in history, when John's dramatic finger points, and his passionate voice cries, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world!"

A Christian

... is a mind through which Christ thinks;
... is a heart through which Christ loves;
... is a voice through which Christ speaks;
... is a hand through which Christ helps.
—The War Cry.

fellow infidel, but the Word of God "liveth and abideth forever."

The Bible, God's Holy Word, not only upholds the highest and best code of ethics but when followed produces in men everywhere the highest and purest moral and social relationships.

Some time ago President Eisenhower said that what this nation needs now, as it did throughout its history, is "positive acts of renewed recognition that faith is our surest strength, our greatest resource."

We have the Bible but what we need to do is to put our faith in it and live by it. You will find copies of the Bible in many homes, hotels, schools and bus terminals but the sad fact is this:

"There is dust on the Bible, dust on the Holy Word,

The visions of the prophets, the sayings of our Lord.

But no other book you'll find does full salvation hold,

So get the dust off the Bible and redeem your poor lost soul."

LET US READ AND LIVE BY THE BIBLE!