

EDITORIALS

Officers and Leaders

Sometimes we may use the words "officers" and "leaders" interchangeably, but if you will think about the words you will discover a difference. An officer is one who has been elevated to a position or rank among the people. A leader is one who has the love, the ability, the courage, the wisdom to lead people. While it is generally true that an individual is promoted to an officer's position because he possesses leadership qualities, yet it behooves every officer to see that he has and develops the qualities of a leader.

An article appearing on this page entitled, "Youth Leaders," has awakened my appreciation for the term. The thought darted into my mind, "That is what the church needs—not simply young people's officers, but youth leaders."

The article sets forth some suggestions for youth leaders. They are worth thinking about whether we are a pastor, a young people's president or an officer. These suggestions will help us to become leaders as well as officers.

C. E. S.

Let John Do It

The Editor of The King's Highway has announced that November will be Highway subscription month and has appealed for our assistance in the campaign. I predict that the campaign will be a failure—unless many of us feel a personal responsibility in supporting it. We may approve of the campaign but we must actively and individually promote it. The "let-John-do-it" attitude has killed many good causes. Who will win in the Highway campaign: the "let-John-do-it" attitude or the "I'll-do-my-part" attitude? The winner will be announced in a future issue.

As we suggested last year, we feel that the young people's societies could sponsor the campaign in their local societies—either by competing teams trying to outdo one another or by an appointed canvasser soliciting the congregation. The Editor could give helpful information to any society which would undertake the project of sponsoring the campaign.

C. E. S.

RALLY INSPIRES YOUTH

The annual Young People's Rally of District No. 1 and 5 convened with the Church at Presque Isle, Maine, Oct. 7-10, with many young people from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the State of Maine in attendance.

From the beginning of the first service to the close of the last, God's blessing was upon us and because of the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst throughout the entire rally we felt it was good to have been there.

We were very privileged in having as our evangelist Lic. Karl Gorman from our church in Sandford, Nova Scotia. His heart-searching, soul-stirring messages gave us a determination to be better Christians and we left the rally better fitted to serve God and feeling encouraged by seeing some young people find victory at the altar.

Brother Glen McCrea, who was vice-president of the district, is to be complimented on

JOHN THE BAPTIST

PART II

An Inner Light

Judson Sanders

I can imagine John the Baptist coming upon a young shepherd cooking his noonday meal over a little fire of sticks. He invites him to eat with him, and there on the desert slope, this young man of the desert tells him strange things about the nearness of the coming Messiah. He invites him to his home for the evening, and to stay the night. He tells him of his young wife and two little children. The dark-eyed stranger considers and then slowly shakes his head, and bidding farewell, he departs.

After arriving home, and putting the sheep in the fold for the night, at the evening meal the shepherd, who is usually warm and talkative, is strangely brooding and silent. He answers his wife's questions absently, and pushes the little one gently from his knee.

"Why are you so silent and different tonight?" she asked.

"I met a man on the hills," he said, "a strange and kindly man, clothed in sack-cloth, and girded with a leathern girdle, who told me his food was wild locusts and honey. He refused my invitation to come here and eat, and spend the night. He told me things of the coming Saviour—that he is living somewhere in our midst, and soon to be revealed; and as he spoke, his eyes glowed with a light not of this earth. He said, alone in the desert, he was never lonely, for the hand of the Lord was upon him, and he was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. As he spoke, I was stirred to the very depths of my soul; the loneliness, mystery and peace of the empty desert is upon me, and I have no words to say."

"The most we can do for Christ is the least we can do."—A five-month-old convert.

the way he conducted each service in the absence of the President, Charles Owens, a student of Eastern Nazarene College.

We were favored throughout the rally with special numbers in song by our evangelist's wife and several others, and also by a piano and trumpet duet by Janet DeLong and Vesta Cogswell, of Fort Fairfield.

The fine leadership in the congregational singing by several good song leaders and the pianist, Janet DeLong, was enjoyed by all.

We were wonderfully entertained by the pastor, his wife and the people of the Presque Isle Church, and to them we would give a big thank you.

At the business session on Saturday the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Glendon McCrea.

Vice-President—Helen White.

Sec't-Treas.—Sheila Graham.

Pianist—Janet DeLong.

We are already looking forward with anticipation to an even greater rally next year, if Jesus tarries.

May our aim and determination be to ever hold the standard of Holiness high; and may God bless all young people across the land whose purpose is to serve Christ faithfully that others might come to know Him Whom to know aright is life eternal.

Sheila M. Graham, Secretary.

TO YOUTH LEADERS

By Hazel Young

Youth Leaders, you have a great responsibility facing you. There are a great many things that you can do to bring young people to realize their responsibility to Christ, to the church, and to life.

Youth's need today is for tolerance that overcomes prejudice, love that suffuses their worldly-mindedness, and constructive service that builds even amidst chaos.

Wise workers with youth stay in the background. They are concerned at all times to do that which will best help those youths to grow. They offer suggestions, but the choice and use of those suggestions are up to the group.

Know the interests and needs of your group. Keep your purposes before you. Programs that aid Christian growth cannot be built on self-interests alone. They must dig into the essentials of the Christian faith.

If you expect to win youth and keep them interested, you must do something besides reading the youth topics in the Youth magazine. In preparing for youth meetings, keep in mind the following:

What will appeal to their curiosity?

What will set them to work eager to find answers for themselves?

What needs of theirs will be touched?

Unanswered questions raised in class are remembered. Youth jots down ideas they gather from the teachers and counselors. Lest youth forget, they take notes, which include questions that might stimulate their thinking.

Youth in a day like this, must be able to think, and to say what they think. Let the youth of today think for themselves. Make changes when necessary. Never let a youth group get into a rut and stay there.

One of the most widespread needs of youth is for more understanding of the meaning of worship, and more knowledge in how to worship. Many youth groups put too much emphasis upon participating and not enough upon really worshipping. Real worship is not easy for it takes courage to search one's heart, to face up to weaknesses, to confess, and to surrender.

The task of missionary education of youth is on a new frontier. Plan a systematic way of acquainting all youth with the missionary work of the church. Help youth develop a deeper appreciation for people of other lands and cultures. Help bring them to a personal commitment of a world missionary program in the church.

Survey the needs of your group. Plan for times when youth problems on recreational life may be fully considered in relation to the Bible and Christian teaching. Seek at all times to make youth social events glorious, and enjoyable occasions.

Keep studying the needs of young people. Study not only what influences surround your youth, but what your youth think amidst them. Engage youth in service talks, helping each find the jobs most suited to their abilities and training. Encourage youth to persevere, to be not weary in well-doing but to move on to harder tasks as strength and knowledge for serving grow. Youth have a job to do now; but youth, tomorrow, may have a bigger job to do. Training of mind, hand, and heart is needed, that youth may not fail in the testing hour.