



# News and Notes for Young People

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## EDITORIAL

At the three Youth Camps held this summer—at Beulah, Riverside, and Bethany—nearly one hundred youth sought help at an altar. The majority of these young people were seeking for specific spiritual experience—either conversion or sanctification. Some were converted for the first time; others were sanctified for the first time. Such an achievement among the youth of our denomination cannot be passed by lightly. A quick glance at the statistics of our church for the year 1955-56 will show that considerably less than three hundred professed conversion or sanctification from all the churches during the year. This fact places the work of the Youth Camps in very significant light.

It has become increasingly difficult to reach our young people through the regular program of the Church. It is not unusual for a church to go a full year without seeing a young person won for Christ. Relative to this fact, we ought to praise the Lord that an avenue has been found through which contact can be made with the minds and emotions of our youth. That avenue is the Youth Camp.

At Youth Camp the program is designed for youth. The campers are made to feel that the program is their program and that it was planned for them. By being made to feel a "part" of something, their interest is increased and their response is spontaneous. Like conditions can be created in no other place.

When another summer rolls around, let's not be slow to get behind the Youth Camp programs of our Church. With the combined efforts of pastors, laymen, and Youth Camp Committees, great gains can be made for the kingdom of God.

L. K. M.

## BETHANY YOUTH CAMP

Bethany Youth Camp, sponsored by the churches of the District, opened on Friday, August 17, with an enrollment of 51. There were 45 resident campers and six day students from the town of Yarmouth. The ages ranged from 9 to 16 years.

Our evangelist was Rev. Kenneth Buchanan, Oxford, N. S., leader of the Faith Mission in Nova Scotia. He proved to be a good sport, an excellent teacher, and a man of God behind the pulpit. On the last Friday night of Camp, 26 of the young people knelt at the altar of prayer. Few of the campers went home unsaved.

The pastors of the district volunteered their services for the Camp and assisted in teaching, sports, and supervision. Mrs. Stewart Steeves and Miss Floris Landers had charge of the girl campers.

The program of the Camp consisted of class periods, Bible drills, sewing, swimming, softball, croquet, and an evangelistic service at the close of each day.

Because of voluntary service and generous night offerings, we were able to pay all bills and report a balance of \$7. Total expenses for the Camp were approximately \$450.

Plans are already being made for another Bethany Youth Camp in 1957. "To God be the glory, great things he hath done."

Rev. Karl E. Gorman

Chairman, Youth Camp Committee

## THE GREAT LEVELER

The standards of the world do not summon man to great heights of living, for the world is the great leveler. It puts everyone on the same plane. "What everybody says must be true," it maintains. "Whatever everyone does must be right." Be like your neighbour and you'll be a good fellow. Christ challenges man to rise above the average plane. Nothing less than Godlikeness can satisfy the Christian, who is called to live on loftier heights than the world knows and to call all men to rise with him.

Karl H. A. Rest

## HARD TRUTH

What was it that kept slavery alive for centuries? Largely, that bishops and preachers have always been ready to bless colors, and to read a christening service over a man-of-war and, I suppose, to ask God that an eighty-ton gun might be blessed to smash our enemies to pieces, and not to blow our sailors to bits. And what is it that preserves the crying evils of our community, the immoralities, the drunkenness, the trade dishonesty, and all the other things that I do not need to remind you of in the pulpit? Largely this, that professing Christians are mixed up with them. If only the whole body of those who profess and call themselves Christians would shake their hands clear of all complicity with such things, they could not last.

Alexander MacLaren

## THE WILL OF GOD

To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge. To suffer the will of God is the greatest heroism. To do the will of God is the greatest achievement. To have the approval of God on your work is the greatest happiness.

Albert Schweitzer

## Marshall Foch's Motto

There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have grown hopeless about them.

## FROM WOOD HARBOUR

Dear Young People,

Although our numbers are not large, we feel that God has been with us, and our Society has prospered under the leadership of our capable president, Mrs. Jeanette Hemeon.

Our meetings are held each Friday evening. We use Bible stories, object lessons, and Bible quizzes in our programs. At present we are memorizing the books of the New and Old Testaments. Points are given at each service for being present, for having a Bible, and for bringing a new member. At the end of the month a prize is given to the person having the highest number of points. Throughout the year, several very happy social evenings have been spent at different homes of the young people.

We pray for God's richest blessing upon all our Societies.

Mrs. Effie E. Sears  
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