

THE YOUNG HIGHWAY

"LET NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH, BUT BE THOU AN EXAMPLE . . ."

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We Need Them

Note that four of our Y. P. Societies are represented on this page by encouraging reports. Each society tells of God's blessing, added interest, and new members. Such a healthy condition among our young people is a good sign. It means a strong church today and a stronger church tomorrow. The societies represented are not exceptions. Many of the other societies are enjoying unprecedented growth, spirituality, and general success.

It is a tragedy for a church to be without an organized Y. P. Society, for it is obvious that without young people today, there will be no church tomorrow.

We ought to thank the Lord for the wonderful young people that are found in our churches. I believe they stand equal in quality to any group of young people in the world. Why not?

Let us back our young people with a new zeal and appreciation. Let us realize that they are absolutely necessary to the program of the church.

L. K. M.

FROM PERTH

The Perth Young People wish to say "hello" to Highway friends.

We feel a letter and report of our Y. P. Society is long overdue. We have been having such good services and so many fine programs that we wish to share them with you.

Patty McCrea, our president, has been putting on extra good programs this year which have not only increased our interest in Y. P., but have brought some new ones into our group.

We have seen new decisions made for Christ which certainly have brought added blessing to our services.

In the early fall, we lost quite a few of our young people to Bethany, Teacher's College and Nurses' Schools. However, they have been replaced by new ones.

All in all we feel that this year has been a very profitable one in our Young People's Society and we are praying that before this year ends, we shall see many more new ones added to our group.

Janet Delong
Secretary

PROGRAM IDEAS

Prepare a list of words from the Bible which are commonly mispronounced; e.g. chastisement, travail, impotent, Pharaoh, Cherith, etc. Conduct a pronunciation quiz, either oral or written. The especially ambitious program leader who has duplicating facilities at his disposal might wish to pattern his quiz on the popular *Reader's Digest* "vocabulary" tests.

Invite a Christian teacher to address your group on some topic relating to the Christian young person and the modern school. A period of general discussion might follow.

A hymn means much more after one has learned of the circumstances under which it was written. For at least one program, or possibly several, you could present the stories behind some of our well known hymns.

FROM SEAL COVE

Greetings in Jesus' name from the Seal Cove Society! We are glad to report that although some of our Young People have moved away during the past year, our society is still growing. Several young people were saved during our recent revival campaign with Dr. Pratt in which we as Christians were strengthened and blessed by his messages. We especially enjoyed the special service on Friday evening when young people from other parts of the Island attended.

Our Young People's services are quite well attended, especially by the younger boys and girls who take part in the prayers and testimonies just as the older folks do. Our desire is to be faithful and win other young people to the Lord during the coming year.

Audrey Bagley
Secretary

DENOMINATIONAL Young People's Rally

Dates: May 17-20

Place: Barker's Point

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

FROM ISLAND FALLS, MAINE

Dear Highway Readers:

Greetings to you in our wonderful Savior's Name! We feel that a report from our Young People's group is long past due. We have much to praise the Lord for. Since our last letter, six new members have been added to our group. Our meetings have been a source of blessing and inspiration to us. Our president, Leona McLellan has kept them both interesting and helpful. During the winter months, we have been meeting in various homes instead of in the church.

We now have musical instruments which we use in our Young People's meetings as well as the regular church services.

Occasionally our young people take charge of the Sunday night service. We are trusting the Lord for "great things" as we endeavor to serve Him.

Yours for the cause of holiness!

Rhodena Nicholson
Highway Reporter
(Crystal and Belvedere)

AFRICAN YOUTH TESTIFY

"I am thankful for the opportunity to thank Jesus. He delivered me from my sins. I used to live in the lusts of the world but now I know that Jesus died for my sins. Now I am one of His. I need other tongues with which to thank Him. I am happy to know that I am a child of God."

—Lekhinah Sibiya

"I want to witness for Jesus. I love Him very much. I see no other except Jesus."

—Simson Mabuza

FROM MONCTON SOCIETY

by Marian MacCallum

On February 5-12 we had our Youth Week services with Rev. Conard Stairs of Truro, N. S. as our evangelist and Rev. Randolph Nicholson of Sussex, N. B. as chalk artist. The attendance at all services was very commendable.

Our president, Merle Smith, called for much sacrificial prayer throughout all the services and enlisted all who would to petition God for His will to be done. We were given prayer reminder cards, some met for special prayer meetings that were called, while others prayed at home as God led.

Mr. Stairs took the burden of the services upon him and gave us outstanding messages that were marked by the presence of God. They were adapted to old and young alike. We can thankfully say that God reclaimed and God sanctified those who came to him at the altar. Mr. Stairs said that a continually close walk with God is the only answer to a victorious Christian life.

The special singing was done by our own Y. P. and Mr. Nicholson's art ministry was a real blessing. In one picture he depicted a Christian girl bringing her friend or brother, who showed the marks of sin, to Christ. Mr. Nicholson portrayed Christ with arms outstretched, drawing the young man to Himself with a look of compassion and forgiveness. In every drawing Mr. Nicholson endeavored to fit it to the message or the special song. The drawings proved thought provoking and brought a real message to us all.

A special feature during the week was the giving away of two oil paintings of the head of Christ to the Young People gaining the most points in a contest throughout the week. These were won by Joel MacCallum and Gerald Carson. Then the chalk drawing was given away during each evening to the one bringing the most Y. P. to service. The fellows outdid the girls, though Mrs. Lorne Ryder deserves praise! We had practically "full house" at all services.

We had an added "extra" special one night when Paul Mullen came in to service unexpectedly. Of course he had to play for us!

Put the prayer meetings, the special workers, the singing, the duo organ and piano playing all together and it seemed God used as many means as possible to challenge young people to accept Him.

We are looking forward to greater things in store, greater victory, more love, added revival and a youth meeting next year that will be but a continuation of God's plan for us as a group of Holiness young people who are commissioned to go, give, and pray.

"The Wise Man says—"

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness."

—Proverbs 15:14

— DON'T FORGET —

Beulah Youth Camp

July 20-29

Riverside Youth Camp

July 27-Aug. 5

The King's Highway

THE SACREDNESS OF THE MARRIAGE VOW

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in between, and the marriage vows taken so lightly, is it any wonder that the divorce mills are grinding all the time, and the output on the increase.

This is a subject hard to reduce to a final solution and it is not the purpose of this article to try to do so, but if it will make some person stop and think, its purpose will be achieved. Whatever may be said on this subject, one thing is apparent and indisputable: Both the holy Scriptures and all marriage ceremonies agree that God's original plan and pattern was for the life union of one man and one woman. Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: *but from the beginning it was not so.*" Matt. 19:8.

The writer has found pleasure in the study of the marriage ceremonies of many different denominations. While the wording may differ to some extent, every single one, with no exception, binds the contracting parties for life, with no hint that these vows should or could ever be broken.

They are as solemn and binding as words can make them, and amount to an oath before angels and men. Just to quote from two ceremonies, which is equal to quoting them all: (1) Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy state of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, *so long as ye both shall live?* (Epicopal).

(2) "Do you A. B., take C. D., whom you now hold by the hand, as your true and lawful wife; and God helping you, will you love, cherish, and protect her, cleaving only and ever unto her, *until God by death shall separate you?*" (Baptist).

It would appear that in many cases the marriage ceremony is only a formality, only a routine demanded by custom. I have seen these beautiful and solemn vows so flagrantly abused that I have suggested that they be reworded to suit the times and made to read: "Wilt thou take this woman for three whole weeks until you see one you like better?"

It is not to be wondered at that there is so little regard for the marriage vow, and that divorces are so frequent. Very little is ever said about the matter either by pen or by sermon. I have listened to preaching intently for over fifty years, yet have I not even once heard a sermon on the sanctity of the marriage vow, or the evils of divorce. And all I can recall is one written sermon on the subjects. The fact is that conditions have caught up on us that make it exceedingly unpopular for a speaker in most quarters to have anything to say on the matter; and don't let any preacher deny this.

If there were more teaching beforehand, there would be more careful reconsideration, and less leaping into marriage, and consequently fewer sad wrecks along the lovely highway of matrimony. If young people contemplating marriage made the matter a subject of sincere prayer for guidance, and used some common sense in the choice of a companion, then took the marriage vows seriously, soon the divorce mills would have to close down for want of grist.

If people will not be Christians, as God intends everybody to be, and if they spurn the

FROM REV. B. G. BRIDGE*

Dear Highway Friends:

It has been most gratifying to receive so many cards and letters from you. I hadn't realized, actually, how important a card or letter could be until I became ill. Each one was a blessing to me.

From Dec. 15th to March 5th I was on the inactive lists. Now I am working again and gradually gaining in strength. Fortunately, the doctor says that no complications or after effects are had as a result of the fever. This is something to praise the Lord for! Many are not as fortunate.

I am constantly reminded of the Word, which says, "All things work together for good to them that love God." I have found that it takes extra trust and faith during an illness to really and sincerely believe this promise. Nevertheless I can praise God for victory through the precious blood of Jesus. He has been my constant Saviour and Friend. My love for Him and for His work has grown stronger.

It will be more than a year yet before I graduate. Probably it will be a little longer now since I was obliged to drop out of school this second semester. When I finally do graduate, we intend to come back with you, and take our place in the work of the Lord, unless the Lord should otherwise lead.

We hope to be home for a time this summer, and trust we will see many of you then. Many thanks again for all the cards, gifts, and letters received.

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MENDING TROUSERS

Two pastors' wives, says: "Western Christian Union," were visiting together. One said, "I don't know what we shall do—my husband is so discouraged. Somehow his people do not care to hear him preach, and our salary is far behind. My husband feels so blue that he does not like to visit the people and pray with them; and so he sits around at home nearly all the time."

The other sister said: "We are getting along fine. My husband spends much of his time visiting, and the people like to have him kneel and pray with them in their homes. Our congregations are always good, and our salary is paid us promptly."

While the two sisters were talking they were mending trousers. One was mending her husband's trousers at the seat; the other was mending her husband's trousers at the knees. —Sunday School Times.

guidance of God and His word, and take their own heads for it, then find themselves in a tangle, they have no one to blame but themselves, and they should not expect the Lord to compromise His will and standards to accommodate them to make it easier for them. The transgression of God's best and highest will is bound to bring confusion, regrets, and suffering.

All through the Scriptures the Lord has been pleased to use the marriage bond as a type or symbol of the hallowed relationship between Christ and His ransomed Church. That which has been thus honored and glorified by the Lord Himself, demands our highest respect and our utmost endeavor to make the married life all that it ought to be.

OUR RADIO MINISTRY

Weekly Broadcast

"Global Missions," conducted by Rev. Ralph Hobson.

CKCL, Truro, N. S., Sunday, 4.45 - 5.00 p. m.

Morning Devotions

CFNB, Fredericton, N. B., 8.30 - 8.45 a. m.
April 10th—Rev. G. R. Symonds.

" 16th—Rev. N. E. Trafton.

" 27th—Rev. B. C. Cochrane.

" 30th—Rev. Kenneth Jewett.

CJLS, Yarmouth, N. S., 8.30 - 8.45 a. m.

April 5th—Rev. S. W. Ingersoll.

" 7th—Rev. Karl Gorman.

" 13th—Rev. L. K. Mullen.

" 18th—Rev. W. E. Greene.

" 20th—Rev. B. M. Hicks.

DISTRICT MEETING DATES CHANGED

The Spring meeting of District No. 1 will be held at Woodstock, N. B., April 19-22, a week earlier than announced in the last Highway. Pastors and churches of District, please take notice.

NOTICE RE YOUTH RALLY

Delegates planning to attend the annual Youth Rally at Barker's Point, are requested to write Miss Marlene Curriem 156 Gibson Street, Fredericton, N. B., stating day and time they expect to arrive, and by what mode of travel. Co-operation in this matter will assist greatly in arranging for entertainment, meeting buses, trains, planes, etc. The dates of the Rally are May 17-20 inclusive.

URGENT FINANCIAL NEEDS

Our Alliance treasurer writes that he is faced with financial demands in respect to Alliance obligations that call for speedy and co-operative action on the part of our pastors and people. Here are some facts that should help us realize how great and urgent the needs:

- (1) Our Superintendent's salary was not paid in full to the end of 1955.
- (2) A balance of \$300.00 on bill for publishing last year's Alliance Minutes is overdue.
- (3) Interest on an Alliance note amounting to \$250 is due.
- (4) Expense of work done at Beulah last summer has not been cared for in full.

The reason for these shortages is as follows: Thirty of our churches have made no contribution to the General Fund during this church year.

Thirty-six churches have made no contribution to the Superintendent's Salary Fund this church year.

Twenty-five churches have made no contribution to either fund during this church year.

Pastors and people of our churches, these things ought not to be so! It is difficult and embarrassing for our Alliance treasurer to face circumstances as described above. Moreover, it is to the discredit of our Alliance to have financial obligations standing as long as some of these have. This situation could be corrected quickly and without undue strain anywhere, if all churches would investigate their obligations to these funds and make payment in full or in part. Let us give immediate attention to this important matter. Our Alliance treasurer's address: Rev. R. H. Parks, Calais, Maine.