



The Young Highway

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"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, But Be Thou An Example..."

— Guest Editorial —

DON'T LOSE YOUR BIRTHRIGHT - - - YOU MAY NOT FIND IT!

By Rev. L. K. Mullen

I hate to lose things. Few things upset me more. In my experience I have lost a knife, a key, a hammer, gloves, a pen, a watch, and as always, shoe-rubbers and glasses. All these things I have lost at one time or another and I have been able to find them again. Great has been my relief when the familiar object, which sometimes not even a new one could replace, has been safe in my possession again. We might add to the list other things which make their appearance in the lost and found department—dogs, canaries, chains, hub-caps, jewellery, and money. These things, lost, can usually be found by patience and diligence.

Other things, of a more intangible nature, once lost can never be found. This was so in Esau's case. He lost his birthright, a priceless possession. But when he began to seek for it, he discovered too late that he could not find it again, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Young folk especially ought to be reminded that they too have a birthright, as great or greater than Esau's. It should be esteemed highly and guarded jealously.

Each of us is given a life. The tendency is to take it for granted, to think of it as something we somehow deserved, and to waste it away indulgently and carelessly. This is not God's plan. For life has purpose, it has value, and it has meaning. These assertions are denied in some circles today. Life, they say, is a void, without meaning, and without intelligent design. To the contrary, we affirm that life, given to Christ, is abundant life—happy in its living, generous in its giving, and fruitful in its service to God. Young folk, don't lose your life—you may not be able to find it!

Each of us is given a body. Wise in its planning and wonderful in its construction, it has rights which are inviolable and disciplines which are needful. Its sanctity and purity are priceless. They must be guarded accordingly. Today's influences are threats to moral purity. The young person today who keeps his mind, body, and habits clean is the exception and not the rule. Purity must be preserved at any price, for once lost and marred, it cannot be regained.

Certain opportunities knock but once; unanswered they are lost forever. The opportunity of living a whole life for Christ is lost forever to the one who wastes his best years in sin. Opportunities to influence our friends to Christ are often only temporary. The time to welcome opportunity is now, for tomorrow it may be too late.

"... Afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, Esau was rejected... though he sought it carefully with tears". (Hebrews 12:17).

GREETINGS FROM THE TRURO YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Last fall we held meetings for the youth of our church and town. For two fine consecrated workers we were most grateful.

Our speaker, Mrs. Gerald Ingman from Londonderry, The King's Highway

brought challenging messages to our youth. Her playing of the tambourine was also enjoyed by all. Two received definite help at an altar of prayer, while others were strengthened and encouraged in their walk with God.

Mr. Cedric Landers worked faithfully in preparing for the song services and people enjoyed him so much at the piano. Many were the spiritual messages received through his music. We thank the Lord for Cedric's step of faith in His work.

These two fine workers we would most certainly recommend to our churches.

Yours in His Services,

Jack Fancy, President

Neata Wilcox, Highway Reporter

A NEW MISSIONARY OF THE CROSS CARRIES CHRIST TO COLUMBIA

Miss Vilis (Vi) Hayes, who needs no introduction to our young people, is in the final stages of preparation to take up her work as a missionary to Columbia, South America. Vi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes, was born at Head of Millstream, N. B. For many years she has been a member of the Reformed Baptist Church in Moncton where she served as president of the Y. P. Society for five years.

In 1947 Vi felt a call to missionary work. For the past seven years she has been doing secretarial work at the head office of the Oriental Missionary Society, Los Angeles, California.

At the present time Vi is in San José, Costa Rica, Central America. She will spend some time there studying the language before she crosses the Panama into Columbia, where she will serve Christ at Medellin, Columbia.

It would be a fine thing if each of our Y. P. Societies would make Vi a special matter of prayer. By doing this we shall have a part in winning Columbia for Christ.

Ed.

BIBLE QUIZ REPORT

The response to the Bible Quiz has been reasonably good. To date twelve societies have enrolled. This is four more than we had enrolled in 1959. Almost all our larger societies have joined the contest and we request another six or eight before Feb. 29.

One pastor wrote, "I have no notion that we can muster a team here, however I am proceeding as if we had a team and we shall do our very best to come through with something." This kind of an attitude is wonderful and should characterize many of our smaller societies.

I take no exception in suggesting that this is the best form of bible study ever offered our young people. Pastor, if your society hasn't enrolled in the quiz, why not write today and join the contest. With the age limits extended and only three contestants required, almost any church should be able to form a team.

To youth groups that have already enrolled, we suggest that you study hard and get together often for practise and mutual assistance. Every team enrolled has an opportunity to win the Grand Championships.

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