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May 31st. is the end of our church year. The accounts of the Young People's Association will be balanced in preparation for the annual report in July. This is a matter of concern of the Y.P.A. Whether or not the Y.P.A. financial statement is what is desired to be, will depend upon the balancing of our individual accounts.

Balancing of our accounts involve more than a financial statement. It involves our entire spiritual life. God is always balancing our lives against His requirements. With this in mind, we ask, Does our pledge balance with our purse? Does our word of promise balance with our witnessing for Christ? Is there a correspondence between our desire to serve God at the beginning of the year and our daring to serve Him throughout the year? If we have suffered spiritual losses, have we made equivalent gains by adjusting our lives with God? These are part of the requirements of a balanced spiritual account.

In addition to the demands already mentioned, let me further suggest the more important aspect of a balanced spiritual count. Does our profession balance with our purity of life? This involves our confession compared with our conduct; our attitude in compliance with our action; our worship and our work. We must also compare devotion with our spiritual development.

If our spiritual account balances, we must consider our wants and God's will. Thus, every aspect of our lives must be considered in relation to the will of God. It is not a matter of what we want, but what He wills. His will is always what we need.

In taking stock of our year's progress, let us not overlook anything that would help us to more perfectly balance our spiritual accounts. By so doing, we shall hear the Master say, "Well done... Thou hast been faithful..."

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Our young people will be glad to learn that Mr. Ross MacCallum of the Moncton Y.P. Society, has been chosen as Valedictorian for the graduating class at Teacher's College, Fredericton, N. B.

Congratulations, Ross. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him in your new profession.

SELF-DENIAL FUND NOTICE TO SOSIO

The month of October was set aside for our Self-Denial Drive. Our objective for this year was \$1,000.00. The total amount of pledges received was far below the objective.

We are near the end of another church year this month. Would each society send their pledge amounts to (Miss) Genavieve Lloyd, 19 Regent Street, Fredericton, N. B.

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the heavenly Bridegroom appears!

COMPLACENCY

by Myrtle Ryder

When Jesus was entering Jerusalem to attend the feast of the Jews, He came to the pool of Bethesda. At the pool there was a multitude of impotent folk. Jesus fixed His eyes upon one who seemed to have the greatest need. Jesus said to him," Wilt thou be made whole?" The impotent man replied, "Sir, I have no man, when the waters are troubled, to put me into the pool" (Jn. 5:7).

Is not the man at the pool a type of many today who have a great spiritual need, and are near the healing waters? Yet, no one offers to lead them to the Saviour. They have become victims of our complacency.

Jesus was grieved and disappointed by the lack of interest shown by those of His day, who merely looked on, having no concern for the welfare of others. He must be grieved today by the seeming spirit of complacency among Christians.

Young people, Jesus is in Heaven. He has no personal representatives on earth except His childdren. He said, "Ye are my witnesses." O! how slow we have been in assuming our responsibility!

Shrinking from the task of personal work has hindered the progress of soul winning. Jesus said, that one of the evidences of discipleship is witnessing. That is a way of saying that the proof of our salvation is an interest in the salvation of the lost. Friends, Jesus is depending on us. Let us not disappoint Him by our spirit of complacency.

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I recently read of a lady who wanted to know the meaning of Malachi's reference to God's messenger coming as a refiner of fire. Malachi said, "He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver "(Mal. 3:3).

The diligent lady decided to visit a silver refinery. At the refinery she asked the silversmith to explain the process of refining silver. During his explanation of the purifying process, the lady asked, "Do you sit while you are refining the silver?" The silversmith replied," I must sit with my eyes constantly fixed on the furnace and the silver. If the silver is heated too long it is spoiled." The inoperative lady further asked, "How do you know when the silver has been heated enough?" To this the silversmith replied, "Whenever I see my own image reflected in it, I know that the process is complete."

In a similar manner, I think Jesus watches our lives. He looks for His image, which is a sign that the purifying process is complete.

GENERAL FUND

Happy in His Service,

Will Young People's Societies please send their General Fund money (\$12.50) to Miss Sheila Graham? Miss Graham's address is: R.F.D. 4, Houlton, Maine, U.S.A.