

- Guest Editorial -FORGOTTEN GRACES

by M. W. Bagley

In His "Sermon on the Mount", Jesus states, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth". At the close of the sermon we are told that the people were astonished at His doctrine. Do not be amazed at this. Jesus had promised a blessing for the meek. If you will give Him your heart He will renovate it and plant the spiritual seed there which will produce this grace.

The scribes and pharisees of Jesus' day were proud and supercilious. Jesus called them hypocrites. The grace of meekness does not in any way suggest a wishy-washy spineless nature. It is a quiet and gentle spirit. Meekness is not a symptom of an inferiority complex. Meekness is tender and considerate. Pride and arrogance are traits which are obnoxious, but meekness is a quality which attracts all men. This may be why Jesus pronounced a blessing upon all those who possess it. I am sure that you agree with me that Jesus left for us an example of meekness which would be well for us to follow. He, above all people, was meek. Let us be sure that this grace is in our hearts.

Let us also consider the grace of Temperance. Temperance brings to our minds the thought of a well governed disciplined life.

It is the sensual or animal appetites which we must keep under control. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness". We conclude that one who is a fruit bearing Christian seeks to glorify God first. He provides for his other needs after that. This is in no way a reckless or foolish way of life. It is indeed the most sensible. We recognize that the spiritual is the most important. The most important should be cared for first. The temperate will in no way stoop to unjust or unfair means to obtain daily bread.

The temperate life is consistent with the teachings of the entire Bible. But this teaching is meeting with opposition today, especially among those who advocate freedom of action and expression. When one accepts such a philosophy of life, he is heedlessly throwing himself to the suggestions of evil forces and powers abroad in the world today. It appears to us that Satan is going up and down the land today even as he did in the days of Job. The young Christian needs, therefore, to be on guard. of SMALIOHOR WHY SOURCE TO SHOULD BE SH

I would like to point out three things which the temperate life has in its favour.

First, The temperate person is well integrated. He is spared from guilt which comes from intemperate indulgence. He is able to trust himself.

Second, The individual who has learned self-discipline is not a dangerous person to meet. If you unwittingly provoke him he will not yield to the urge to get even with you. He is a good risk. He is a credit to the community.

Thirdly, The temperate bring glory to God. The Bible states that God is glorified when we bear much fruit.

Much of modern living has forgotten these graces. We must remember that they are an integral part of Christian living.

AROOSTOOK DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

"Wonderful". . . "Exceptional". . . "Ordered of the Lord." These were some of the remarks made at the close of a weekend District Youth Rally held in Hartland, January 5-7. Certainly this was a fitting way to describe our Rally. Several factors contributed to the success of the Rally. One, we were privileged to enjoy the rich ministry of God's Word by Rev. K. L. Gorveatte. His messages were down where young people could easily grasp them. Many received help. Two, it was providential that Paul Mullen and his family could be with us to minister in music. Third, and most important, God was our guests and His presence was powerfully felt in every service.

There were a number of "highlights" during the Rally. On Saturday afternoon a special program was held "Live A Borrowed Life." Saturday evening the young people viewed the film "Highest Mountain." Both of these features attracted a large gathering of young people. Sunday afternoon was designated "Music Time" with Brother Paul Mullen in charge. This drew our largest congregation of over 200 people.

The Rally was well attended, with an approximate total attendance of 500. We do thank the Lord for the many fine young people on the Aroostook District.

Gary V. Lyons, District Youth President

LETTER FROM PORT MAITLAND

Dear Highway friends:

It has been some time since a report has been written on our Young People's work at Port Maitland. We would like to inform you of our activities of late.

On Sunday, December 3rd the young people had charge of the evening service. Our president, Mrs. Jean Hersey, spoke on our work in general and brought words of encouragement to us as young people. Our choir sang and duets by some of our girls added much to the service.

Our young people also participated in the church concert December 23rd. On December 24th our Crusaders presented a short play which was enjoyed by everyone present. This service consisted mostly of special singing and a candle walk by the senior young people's group.

In the early spring we are planning to begin street meetings, which will be held each Sunday evening. We ask you to pray for us that we might be at our best for the Master, and that our efforts might have tremendous results.

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