

heard as well as knowledge. Love says, "This man is a brother in the Lord. He is, it may be, weak, ignorant, superstitious, but whatever he may be, Christ died for him. Surely you are bound in the love of Christ to respect his conscience and not do anything needlessly that shall cause him to sin or to make it hard for him to do right. To eat the meat from the idol's temple will not commend you to God, and if you do not eat it you will not suffer. Liberty in such a matter is to be limited by love." "Wherefore," says Paul, "if meat make my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh for evermore, that I make not my brother to stumble."

One thing which is worthy of special emphasis in connection with this passage is the sacred authority of the Christian's conscience in the Apostle's view. His conscience may be "weak" it may be poorly instructed, it may fail, therefore, to guide him in accordance with absolute truth, but obeying it, he will be held steadfast in his love and loyalty to his Lord. But the man who does *what he believes to be wrong*—even though it be not wrong in an absolute sense—does that which defies his conscience and mars his fellowship with God.

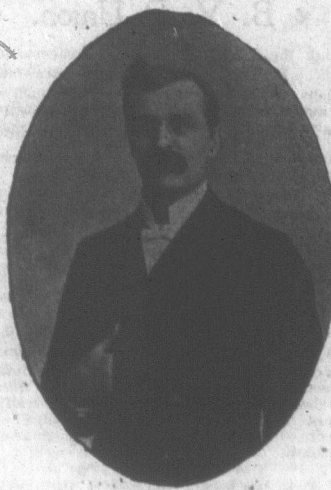
The application of Paul's doctrine in this passage to present day questions is dealt with in another article.

Editorial Notes.

—The present number of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR is made a special issue in the interest of the B. Y. P. U. work. The editors of that department, the officers of the Maritime Union and others who have assisted are to be congratulated we think upon the result of their efforts. The report of the Chattanooga Convention and the other articles on various subjects will, we doubt not, afford much interest to a very large number of readers, both the younger and the older. The symposium on the sixth page, in which some thirty persons—pastors and others—present briefly their views as to the "success" of the B. Y. P. U. movement is not likely to be skipped. "When wisely directed it strengthens the church," says one, and most of his brethren and sisters agree with him, though some are more enthusiastic about it than others. Doubtless this testimony is true. But there is not much that tends to edification without wise direction. There is room no doubt for the exercise of a good deal of wisdom in connection with the Young People's work. Let pastors and all leaders keep in touch with the young. They will surely repay what is expended upon them in the way of wise and sympathetic guidance.

—Senor Canovas del Castillo, Prime Minister of Spain, has fallen by the bullet of an anarchist. The assassination took place on Sunday last at Santa Ageda whither Senor Canovas had gone for his health and to enjoy the benefits of the baths at that place. The assassin fired three shots, one of which struck the premier in the forehead and another in the chest. The wounded man fell at the feet of his wife, who had accompanied him, and after lingering an hour passed away with the words, "Long live Spain" upon his lips. The murderer, who was immediately arrested is said to be a Neapolitan. He gave the name of Rinaldi; but his real name is said to be Nichele Angino Colli. He declared that the deed is the outcome of a vast anarchist conspiracy. It is thought possible that the removal of Senor Canovas may have an important influence on Cuban affairs.

—A despatch which appeared a few days ago in Montreal and St. John papers stated that on Wednesday of last week, Rev. Alexander Grant, pastor of the First Baptist church in Winnipeg, was drowned at Nepigon, Ont., by the upsetting of a canoe, while shooting the rapids at that place. We have no information as to this very sad event beyond that which the very brief despatch afforded. Few men in the Baptist ministry in Canada were more widely and favorably known than Mr. Grant. He was an eloquent and impressive preacher, and a man of great boldness in his advocacy and defence of the truths in which he believed. For some years he has been pastor at Winnipeg, a part of the time editor of the North-West Baptist also, and his influence was widely felt in the Baptist interests in Manitoba and the territories. Both in the Northwest and in Ontario the news of his sudden taking away, while still comparatively a young man, will be received with profound sadness and a deep sense of loss. Five years ago, Mr. Grant made a very brief visit to the Maritime Provinces and was present at the Convention at Bridgetown to present the claims of the North-West work. Those who heard his sermon on the Sunday evening of that Convention will not have forgotten the man or the occasion.



PASTOR GORDON.

A Question.

NAME.	No. of Churches.	Total Membership.	No. of Churches contributing.	Amounts contributed.	W. M. A. Soc. and Miscellaneous contribs.	Am't. per Member.
N. B. Western.	70	6,087	10	\$872.02	\$867.00	\$0.14
N. B. Eastern.	72	11,004	08	3,004.12	1,000.92	28
P. E. Island.	25	2,110	22	641.22	604.52	25
N. B. Southern.	50	6,047	21	932.10	600.20	18
N. B. Central.	45	5,300	20	1,107.05	604.70	22
N. B. Eastern.	07	6,004	03	2,100.25	1,700.21	25
N. B. Central.	04	9,005	01	4,310.05	2,707.05	43
African.	10	021	5	22.00	01
	405	48,800	208	18,340.01	9,708.01	27

In looking over the above one is persuaded to come to the conclusion that it is not only necessary to have "religion in business," but that we had better get some "business into our religion."

It certainly is a deplorable fact to find that out of the 405 churches, with a membership of 48,830, of the Convention less than two-thirds (268) are contributing, or in other words, more than one-third of our churches are not giving a cent to denominational funds. We find that all the Associations taken together give an average of but 27c. per member annually for the support of our Convention fund. We ought as far as possible make it our aim to give on an average of \$1 per member, and how are we going to do it, or at least how are we to make better the present condition?

Might not our B. Y. P. U. local societies act as committees to their individual churches, and immediately after our Convention ascertain what their church has done for the Convention fund, and say, for example: Society B finds that their church has given 23c. per capita during the last year. Let them then and then resolve to increase this per cent. to twice that for the year of '97-8, and with this end in view make a thorough canvass of their church and congregation for moneys for the various departments of the Convention fund, and at regular intervals say every three months, have a special collection with envelopes distributed for subscriptions.

In this way we believe that the membership of our churches throughout would not only have a more intelligent idea of the financial needs of the denomination, but it would make a great work for our Young People's Societies by increasing yearly contributions of their individual churches and this would be in keeping with our object, viz., doing work "through existing denominational organizations." It is our idea also to have our local Societies to report on some prescribed form to the secretary-treasurer of the Maritime B. Y. P. U. Union the amount of work done as a result of the efforts put forth by the B. Y. P. U. and to this end would suggest that the Maritime Executive consider this and issue a form to every local Society in the Convention and this would aid them in carrying out the plan. ONE INTERESTED.

Provisional Programme of the Maritime B. Y. P. U. Union Convention.

Main Street Baptist Church, St. John, N. B., Aug. 19-21.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

6-7 a. m. — PREPARATION SERVICE.

Topic: "The Advent of The Spirit."
Leader: Rev O N Chipman, Great Village, N.S.

9-10 a. m. — EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Topic: "The Formation of Christian Character." Leader: Rev J D Freeman, Fredericton, N.B.

10-10.30 a. m. — PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE.

Singing: "Coronation."
Scripture Reading: Psalm 90. (In Concert). Leader: Pastor J A Gordon, St John, N.B.

Prayer: Geo A McDonald, Halifax.
Singing: "Oh, Worship the King."

10.30-12 Noon. — ROUTINE BUSINESS.

(a) Reading of Minutes.
(b) Adoption of the Constitution, etc., recommended by the Executive.
(c) Election of the Nominating Com.
(d) President's Report.
(e) Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.
(f) Vice-Presidents' Reports.
(g) Report of the Executive Committee.
Singing: "Stand up for Jesus."
Prayer: Rev W H Robinson, Summerside, P.E.I.

THURSDAY, 2-5.

Singing: "Arise My Soul, Arise."

Prayer: Blair Fulton, Truro, N.S.

Reading of Minutes.

Reports of the
Asst'l Secretaries.
(a) Nova Scotia Central.
(b) Prince Edward Island.
(c) New Brunswick Southern.
(d) Nova Scotia Western.
(e) New Brunswick Eastern.
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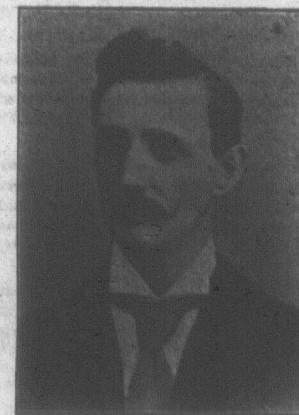
Report of B Y P U Editors.

Transportation Leaders.

Nominating Committee.

Singing: "Doxology."

Prayer: Rev W E McIntyre, Chipman, N.B.



REV. J. H. McDONALD.

THURSDAY, 7.30 P. M.

Male Trio: "Praise Ye."

Singing by Choir: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
Scripture Reading: Psalm 145. Leader: A H Chipman, St John, N.B.

Prayer: Rev Z L Fash, Liverpool, N.S.

Addresses of Welcome: (a) Mayor Robertson.

(b) Pres. St John Local B Y P U.

(c) "Main St. B Y P U."

Responses: Rev D A Steele, D D, Amherst, N.S.

Singing by Choir: "From Distant Places of our Land," (736 C B H.)

Address to Dr Chivers, General Secretary B Y P U A, by President A E Wall, of the Maritime B Y P U.

Response by Rev Dr Chivers, Chicago: "Our B Y P U: What it Stands For."

Greetings from Maine by Rev George B Halsey, D D, Bangor, Me.

Address by Rev W B Hinson, M.A. Moncton, N.B. Subject: "Our Baptist Young People United."

Singing by Choir: "Dismiss me not Thy Service Lord," (499 C B H.)

Offering and Anthem: "Dear Father in Heaven," Male Quartette.

Singing by Choir: "Brightly Gleams our Banner," (386 C B H.)

Prayer and Benediction: Dr J C Morse, Sandy Cove, N.S.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

6-7 a. m. — PREPARATION SERVICE.

Subject: "The Embodiment of the Spirit." Leader: Rev J H McDonald, Amherst, N.S.

9-10 a. m. — EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Subject: "The Young People and Public Worship." Leader: Rev A A Shaw, Windsor, N.S.

10-12 Noon. —

Singing: Choir.
Scripture Reading: Psalm 103. Leader: Rev W L Archibald, Milton, N.S.

Prayer: Rev D G McDonald, North Sydney, C.B.

Reading: Minutes.

Address by Rev Dr Chivers. Subject: "Training for Service."

Singing: Choir.

Discussion (continued from last year) on the advisability of making the MESSENGER

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