

## Young People's Column

Hartland Mission Station,  
South Africa

Dear Young People:

I recall that, as a boy, I was obedient to my parents, but some times failed to listen well to what they were saying. For instance, I was searching for some thing in a certain room, upstairs, that I had been sent to bring. At last I had to go back to the stairway and shout to mother: "Where did you say that thing is?" Her answer came back, "Look on the bureau." I had wasted much time looking in wrong places.

The word, "hearken" means, first to listen, secondly, to be willing to obey. God says, "O that thou hadst hearkened to me, then had thy peace been as a river" (Read Is. 48:18-22). Verse 22 reads, "There is no peace, saith the Lord, to the wicked." Perhaps you know of that man in the United States who got so much money just from telling the world how to avoid war and have peace. But peace is worth more than money, and we all may find it by seeking in the right place—hearkening unto God. Peace is like half a pair of scissors that always goes with the other half, which is joy. This pair of scissors was given to our first parents, but they lost them, and that has caused all the trouble that the world has ever known. And from that day to this, everybody has been seeking for the lost scissors.

Our Lord Jesus has found them, by coming down from heaven and giving his life on the cross that resembles a great pair of scissors. The Bible is filled with this teaching. First of all we have peace with God, because all our rebellion and sins are forgiven and we become children of God.

Then there is a second peace, the peace of God, that comes as a present from our Lord to every child of God. Here are His words, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you." It is a priceless gift, and can not be obtained by money or good works. Then the other half of these scissors: "That My joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full."

Then why don't people "hearken" and look in the right place for the lost scissors? Let them do as I did, return and listen carefully to instruction, then go and look to Calvary.

There comes to my mind, as I write, what I read in our school books: The scene was a ship-wreck on a lee shore. The people came from their afternoon church service to the rocky beach, and helplessly watched one seaman floating towards them, holding to some wreckage. They got a speaking trumpet and wanted to send him a message. "It was the preacher's hand that took it and he wondered what to say. . . . There was but one thing to utter in that awful hour of woe. So he shouted through the trumpet, 'Look to Jesus! Can you hear?' 'Aye, aye, sir!' rang the answer o'er waters loud and clear. Then they listened. He is singing 'Jesus Lover of my Soul.'" The story ends by saying, "He passed to be with Jesus, in the singing of that hymn."

Ah, reader, without salvation, you need Jesus as desperately as did that drowning seaman, who fully realized his need. You are sailing on life's sea, where gales, hidden reefs and unknown dangers abound. Why not accept the pilot now, and come to know the peace of God that passeth all understanding, and that will "keep (R. V. 'Guard') your heart and mind."

Peace is a watchman that will neither slumber or sleep, but will with full armour, guard the citadel of your heart and mind, keeping away all that would harm or distress you.

While joy is your strength that enables you to be an overcomer, Jesus, "for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross."

With this peace and joy that Jesus gives, there will be no thirsting for worldly pleasures, and the ways of sin will have no attraction.

Instead, we will be on the look out for the lad who did not listen carefully, and is now searching in the wrong place for the lost scissors. We will tell him to go back to the head of the stairs and ask mother just where she said for him to look.

Mr. C. H. Spurgeon tells how he found the Lord. He was earnestly seeking salvation for a long time. One stormy Sunday morning he entered a small chapel, where the preacher, a primitive Methodist, said, "Young man, you are in trouble. You will never get out of it unless you look to Christ." Then as Mr.

Spurgeon relates the incident, "The preacher lifted up his hands and cried out, as only I think a primitive Methodist could do, 'Look, look, look! It is only look,' said he. I saw at once the way of salvation. Oh, how I did leap for joy at that moment."

So we will tell that prodigal son to return to his mother's God. To look to Jesus for peace and joy; as she taught him in the olden days when he knelt at her knee, lisping his first prayers.

Yours, helping the prodigals,  
H. C. SANDERS

## CORRESPONDENCE

Center Conway, N. H.

Dear Brother Trafton:

I am enclosing my renewal to the Highway. We enjoy it very much and would not want to do without it. I trust that you are well.

Your sister in Christ,  
MRS. C. M. BLAISDELL

## HOW TO CALL UPON GOD WHEN IN TROUBLE

1. Blessed be thy name, O Lord, forever, who hast been pleased to visit me with this trial and tribulation.

I can not escape it, but of necessity turn to thee as my refuge, that thou mayest help me and make it profitable to me.

O Lord, I am now in trouble, and my heart is ill at ease, for I am much tried by the present suffering.

And now, O beloved Father, what shall I say— I am taken "between the straights;" save me from this hour.

But on this account came I to this hour, that thou mightest be glorified, when I shall have been greatly humbled, and by thee delivered.

May it please thee, O Lord, to deliver me; for, poor I am, what can I do for myself? and whither shall I go without thee?

Give me patience, O Lord, even at this crisis.

Help me, O my God, and I will not fear, however much I have to bear.

2. And now, in the midst of this, what shall I say?

O Lord, let thy will be done; I have rightly deserved to be thus troubled and afflicted.

Therefore I ought to bear it; Oh, that I may be patient, until the storm pass away and leave a deeper calm behind it.

But thine almighty hand is able to take away even this temptation from me, and to lessen its violence, so that I may not be thoroughly prostrated by it; as thou hast often done with me before, O my God! my mercy!

And the more difficult it is to me the more easy to thee, is this change of the right hand of the Most High.—Thomas Kempis.

—Christian Witness

## DISTRACTION DURING PRAYER!

"Fervent prayer," says an old divine, "like a cannon ball planted at the gates of heaven, makes them fly open." The common fault with most of us is in our readiness to yield to distraction. Our thoughts go roving hither and thither, and we make little progress toward our desired end. Like quicksilver, our minds will not hold together, but rolls off this way and that. How great an evil is this! It insults God. What would we think of a petitioner if while having an audience with a prince, he should be playing with a feather, or catching a fly?—Sel.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT BEALS, MAINE

Acting on the suggestion made to us by the Alliance that the different districts organize the Sunday Schools into an Association, this district organized on August 29th, 1927. The following officers were chosen as well as the accompanying constitution being adopted.

Officers:

President—Rev. F. A. Watson.

Vice President—J. P. Alley.

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. H. C. Archer.

Executive Committee in addition to above officers:

Rev. S. H. Clark, Jonesport, Me.

L. P. McMillan, Calais, Me.

Henry J. Benson, Seal Cove, N. B.

A conference was held in the afternoon and a public meeting in the evening at which Rev. H. R. Hagerman spoke on "The relations of the Sunday School to the Church."

Rev. H. C. Archer spoke on "The relations of the home to the Sunday School."

Both these services were well attended and proved to be very helpful to all.

H. C. ARCHER,  
Secretary

## CONSTITUTION

The Grand Manan and Washington Co. Sunday School Association.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be known as "The Grand Manan and Washington Co. Sunday School Association," whose object shall be the promotion of the Sunday School work in this district.

ARTICLE 2.—The officers and teachers of our Sunday Schools, pastors and ministers residing in the district, and all who are interested in our Sunday School work shall be regarded as members of this Association.

ARTICLE 3.—The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer, all of which shall be elected yearly.

ARTICLE 4.—The secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association, committee meetings as well as conventions, and shall keep a record of the statistics of each school in the district as reported to the convention.

ARTICLE 5.—The Executive Committee shall consist of the president and secretary of the Association, in addition to two members from Maine, and one member from Grand Manan, which shall be chosen at the yearly meeting.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to have a special oversight of the Sunday School work in the district, to arrange for the holding of conventions, and also to arrange for the visitation of the different schools in the district at least once each year.

ARTICLE 7.—This Association shall meet in convention, quarterly at the time and place of each quarterly meeting.

ARTICLE 8.—Each school in the district shall be expected to send to the convention a delegate, and also a report as well as an offering toward the carrying on of the work.

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ARTICLE 9.—The annual convention shall be Meeting.

ARTICLE 10.—This Constitution may be amended or changed by a majority vote at any quarterly convention.

## NOT BEAUTIFUL, BUT TRUE!

The doctrine of native depravity is one of never failing interest. It has never been understood and the leaders of thought among men have always shown a tendency to flatter human nature and turn away from this doctrine. It confronts us, however, as a stubborn fact, whether we examine the biography of our own inner life, or whether we turn to the Word of God.—Christian Witness.

Lord, it belongs not to my care

Whether I die or live;

To love and serve Thee is my share,

And this Thy grace must give.

—Richard Baxter