

THE WISEMAN SAYS

Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 1944 be for all a year of honest toil and worthwhile progress.

EDITORIAL

1944 AND THE BIBLE

"I promise to read some portion of the Bible every day of the year." Surely, no resolve could be more worthy of a prominent place in our list of New Year resolutions. Indeed, if no other resolution were made but this one, and it were kept faithfully, December 31st, 1944, would reveal that the effort had been well worthwhile.

Good literature abounds, and books cry to be read, but none can take the place of the Sacred Word. We need, especially in these difficult days, the sense of balance which the reading of the Bible imparts. Current literature, while informing and interesting, lacks the perspective of the timeless Word of God.

Besides being a source of spiritual food, the Bible is a fount of knowledge from which we would do well to drink deeply. William Lyon Phelps, noted man of letters, declared: "It were better to have a knowledge of the Bible without a college education, than to have a college education without a knowledge of the Bible." Daniel Webster said, "I have learned eloquence from it." John Milton wrote: "There is no poetry like the Songs of Zion." Lord Bacon said, "The soundest philosophy is here."

These great men all testify to the amazing worth of the Bible, but lest one should think that the Word of God is not meant for busy men of this age, we offer one notable example in refutation. General Sir Bernard Montgomery, leader of the victorious British 8th Army, is a devout Christian, and an earnest student of the Bible. He has declared many times his faith in the inspired Word. The following statement was spoken to a large staff at his Command Headquarters: "I read my Bible every day and I recommend you, gentlemen, to do the same. One of my favourite texts is I. Corinthians 14, verse 8. 'For if the trumpet shall give forth an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle'."

General Montgomery has set an example that we would do well to emulate. 1944 will have for each of us battles which must be fought. The wise Christian soldier will arm himself well with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

"JUST USE ME"

I am the Bible.
I am God's wonderful Library.
I am always—and above all—the Truth.
To the weary pilgrim, I am a good, strong Staff.

To the one who sits in black gloom, I am glorious Light.

To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet Rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe Guide.

To those who have been hurt by sin, I am healing Balm.

To the discouraged, I whisper a glad message of Hope.

To those who are distressed by the storms of life, I am an Anchor, sure and steadfast.

To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am as a cool, soft Hand resting on a fevered brow.

Oh, child of man, to best defend me, just USE me.—The Gideon.

FORWARD-BACKWARD

"I stand upon the threshold of two years,
And backward look, and forward strain my eyes;

Upon the blotted record fall my tears,
While, brushing them aside, a sweet surprise

Breaks like a day-dawn on my upturned face,
As I remember all Thy daily grace.

Thou hast been good to me; the burdened past
Thou hast borne with me, and the future days

Are in Thy hands; I tremble not, but cast
My care upon Thee, and in prayer and praise

Prepare to make the coming year the best,
Because of nobler work and sweeter rest."

—Selected

GLEANINGS

TIME AS A TALENT

Queen Charlotte said: "I am always quarreling with time. It is so short to do anything, but so long to do nothing."

Cotton Mather said of a visitor who had needlessly occupied his time "I had rather given him a handful of money than have been kept thus long out of my study."

Ignatius, when he heard a clock strike, said: "Now I have one more hour to answer for."

Tims is a talent to be used.

NEW YEAR A NEW START

Moses got his new start at the burning bush. He caught a new vision of God and went forth. That is what we need in starting out on this new year.

LAST YEAR'S WEAK POINTS

A general, who had led his army a long and tedious journey through a wilderness, was about to encamp them for the night, when he received word that the enemy was planning to attack him at a certain point. "Double guard that point to night," was his order. If you want this year to be the best of your life, double guard all last year's weak points.

MY PRAYER

If any little word of mine

May make a life the brighter

If any little song of mine

May make a heart the lighter—

God help me speak the little word

And take my bit of singing

And drop it in some lonely vale

To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine

May make a life the sweeter.

If any little care of mine

May make a friend's the fleeter.

If any lift of mine may ease

The burden of another—

God give me love, and care and strength

To help my toiling brother.

—Selected

Canadian Nazarene College,

Dear Young People: Red Deer, Alberta

Greetings from Canadian Nazarene College! Even in this far western part of Canada there are several Reformed Baptist young people who like to get together and exchange news of our churches and friends "back East."

It was really a surprise to meet Bert Hicks on the train coming here! Mary Campbell is a valued member of the staff, at the same time taking studies in the Bible College. We were very sorry that Joe Moses had to go home after making a good start.

Kenneth, now an instructor on an R. A. F. station at near-by Bowden, is able to be here frequently and take part in some of the school activities. He is eager to get back to college as soon as the war is over to complete his preparation for the ministry.

I feel that my being here is providential, and I am happy in serving the Lord by teaching again in a holiness college. This school is considerably smaller than Eastern Nazarene College, but it is definitely making rapid progress. Its high school is accredited by the Alberta Department of Education, and its college grants the B. Th. degree. The young people here maintain a high standard of spirituality and Christian living. I have been glad to find such a fine school in Canada.

We enjoy the young people's page as well as all the other features of The Highway, especially the sermons from our ministers.

Yours in the love of Christ,

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POSITION IS POWER

I heard of a Frenchman who lived in England for some years, and afterwards decided to become a naturalized Englishman. He paid the necessary fee, transacted the customary procedure, and became a naturalized Englishman.

An old friend ran into him on the following day and said, "Well, I see that now you are an Englishman; but frankly, I don't see much difference in you."

Said the one-time Frenchman, "There is a big difference. Yesterday the battle of Waterloo was a defeat. Today it is a victory!"

Yes, and he was right. He had changed his citizenship. That is the heavenly life—a change of position from the realm of the flesh into that of the Spirit. In that position the Lord will turn your "Waterloo" of defeat into "Waterloo" of victory.—Captain Reginald Wallis.

FOR THOSE WHO STAND ALONE

O Lord, it's sometimes hard to walk alone

While other people take another way,

And leave me on the stony road of life

With a solitary path to walk each day.

But in the way that I accept as mine

I see Thy guiding beams, a certain light

That shows me Thou art near, and then I'm glad

I dare to stand alone for what is right!

And though my pilgrim feet are often tired,

And in my heart I long for home and rest,

Thy will for me is greater, far than mine,

And counsel come from Thee is always best!

—Selected

The demand for cheerful, helpful young folks is still a few laps ahead of the supply.—The Ambassador.