

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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## RESIGNATION

It is the Lord—enthroned in light,  
Whose claims are all divine,  
Who has an undisputed right  
To govern me and mine.

It is the Lord—should I distrust,  
Or contradict His will,  
Who cannot do but what is just,  
And must be righteous still?

It is the Lord—who gives me all—  
My wealth, my friends, my ease,  
And of His bounties may recall,  
Whatever part He please.

It is the Lord—who can sustain  
Beneath the heaviest load;  
From whom assistance I obtain  
To tread the thorny road.

It is the Lord—whose matchless skill  
Can from afflictions raise  
Blessings, eternity to fill  
With evergrowing praise.

It is the Lord—my covenant God  
Thrice blessed be His name,  
Whose gracious promise, sealed with blood,  
Must ever be the same.

His covenant shall my soul defend,  
Should nature's self expire,  
And the great Judge of all descend  
In awful flames of fire.

Can I, with hopes so firmly built,  
Be sullen or repine?  
No, gracious God, take what Thou wilt,  
To Thee I all resign.

—Matthew Green

## A GREAT MISTAKE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SOMETIMES MAKE

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Some time ago a young person who was living a Christian life under many difficulties, wrote to a friend something like this: "I am not going to try to live a Christian life any longer, because certain persons have done and said so many things in trying to hurt me, I just cannot stand it any longer." For any person to take an attitude like that is a very great mistake. First, because it grieves the great heart of our Lord who loves all young people and never did anything to hurt any one. Why forsake Jesus, your greatest friend, who loves you and will always help you, because of what some evil-minded folks do or say? Do you think it fair to Him to hurt Him so? Forsake Him? That is what the devil and all your enemies want you to do. That will please them, the very ones whom you say are trying to hurt you. Again, when you talk of giving up your Christian life, you hurt your real friends more than words can express. I am sure you don't want to hurt your friends and those who love you, and have been kind to you. And again you will hurt yourself and bring far more sorrow into your life by forsaking Jesus than your enemies can cause you by all the mean things they can do and say.

No! Please do not make such a mistake, young people. Even though the enemy does try to discourage you, hold on to Jesus, for you need Him and His help more in your times

## MISSING



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of trial, than when things are going smoothly with you. Remember the words of the song: "Never give up, never give up; never give up to your sorrows; Jesus will bid them depart: Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord: Sing when your trials are greatest. Trust in the Lord and take heart." The Lord bless you.

## ALPHABETICAL ADMONITIONS

Always tell the truth.  
Be clean in your thoughts.  
Consider the feelings of others.  
Do not despise a just reproof.  
Entertain a hopeful spirit.  
Forbear and forget the faults of others.  
Gratefully acknowledge any favor.  
Have faith in yourself and others.  
Imitate the wise and worthy.  
Join others in a just cause.  
Keep good company or none.  
Live life well and have no regrets.  
Mind your own business.  
Never surrender to evil.  
Obey conscience in all things.  
Practice the precepts of the wise.  
Qualify yourself for promotion.  
Rely upon self more than upon others.  
Stand firm for the right everywhere.  
Touch not the intoxicating cup.  
Utilize the spare moments of life.  
Value a good conscience more than money.  
Watch against Satan while you work for God.  
Excel in conduct and character.  
Yield quickly to a good impulse.  
Zealously advocate the right.—Selected.

## THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPLOSION

The most terrific explosion known within the span of recorded history occurred on Aug 27, 1883, when most of the island of Kratooa lying in the Sundra Strait between Java and Sumatra, was blown entirely off the map by the force of a terrible volcanic eruption. When the violent eruption was finally over, in place of a pleasant tropical isle of eighteen square

miles, surmounted by a majestic volcano rising to a height of 1,400 feet, there remained only the sullen waters of the sea covering a cavity a thousand feet deep.

As a result of this terrific earth's upheaval, the forests and fields of the surrounding islands were buried under tons of dirt and rocks. The entire geographic outlines of the area changed, and an entirely new island was formed, but these are small items as compared to the widespread effects of this eruption the world over.

It is perhaps difficult to conceive just what an explosion occurred to make a change in the very maps of our globe. Maybe some of these effects, recorded in widely-scattered parts of the world, will lend some conception of an event which actually baffles and staggers the imagination.

At Batavia, one hundred miles away, the sky was so darkened by ashes that lamps had to be used in the houses at mid-day. The finer particles of dust, rising into the higher layers of the atmosphere, spread over North and South America, Europe and Asia, showing in unusually colored sunrises and sunsets, in weird blue moons and even the light of day was strangely affected.

The force of the detonation gave rise to an atmospheric wave which went around the world three and one-half times before it faded to a point to escape detection by instruments. Actual sounds were heard at Rodrigues, 3,000 miles away; at Bangkok, 1,413 miles distant; on the Philippine Islands, 1,450 miles; at Ceylon, 2,058 miles; and in west and south Australia, from 1,300 to 2,250 miles away.

It is estimated that a column of dirt and stones shot up into the air seventeen miles or more when the top of Krakatoa blew off.

Of most serious consequences was the tidal wave which the eruption gave rise to. A great number of shorted waves were climaxed by one great ocean wave fifty feet high, which wrecked ships, destroyed towns, and created a death toll of 36,000 human lives. This great, great wave was experienced everywhere in Asiatic waters, reached Cape Horn, 7,818 miles away, and was felt in the English Channel after traveling 11,000 miles.

The eruption of 1883 was awe-inspiring and terrific beyond imagination.—Earl Chapin, in "Youth's World."

## "A MAN MUST LIVE"

"A man must live!" did you say? Ah, no! Does God's Word or history teach us so? Have not all through the ages men laid down Their lives for right and received a crown? Is life more precious than being true, And doing what duty demands that you do? When life at such a cost we buy, We pay a price that's far too high! Are we made of such soft and flabby stuff, That we throw up our hands, and say, "I've had enough"

Of this battle and think it is time to quit, Else I'm likely to get the worst of it?" Christ gave up His life that men might live, Then, for His dear sake, let us freely give Our ease, our money, our friends, yea life, Till He come from Heaven and end the strife.

—F. G. H. in The Gospel Message