

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." —ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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THE HEALING TREE

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"And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."—Rev. 22:2.

Are not the nations of the world today sick? Are they not greatly in need of healing? Surely all will agree that the world needs the healing that Jesus Christ alone can impart. What are some of the nations whose diseases cry out for the touch of God's hand?

In Germany the sinful desire of domination resulted in the terrible disease of Nazism. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, but he that exalteth himself shall be abased." Germany is left in sad ruins today, because of the evil desire to dominate. This land in which were born men like Martin Luther, who in later life translated the holy Word of God into the common German tongue, and was the means of bringing a great religious revival to the country.

England once was sick, a result of the same evil desire to dominate, but out of its tyranny the United States was born, a great nation because its founders were humble, God-fearing people. We must guard against allowing pride to prevail over the legitimate feeling of national dignity and responsibility, lest we fall into the subtle sins of pleasure and ease. Man must turn often to his Maker and acknowledge Him, or His tender Spirit will be offended.

Could Russia stand some healing balm? Isn't there a way for Russia, even better than Communism?

Italy is in the depth of despair, the ancient country where once walked and taught the first great Christian missionary, St. Paul. The healing message once dwelt there. Is it possible that there is no trace of it which has not been uprooted by Fascism?

Is there any hope for France, a nation so prone to pomp and pride? Could not the sign of the cross mean more to them, a way of complete humility?

The countries of the Orient—China, India, and others—with their very different environment and modes of living, but whom the Saviour came to help and heal.

Spain, whose country was broken by Civil War and is again threatened. These people, such lovers of gold and jewels, may they soon come to see that the treasures of this earth satisfy not, and that in Jesus only is to be found the real treasure that fadeth not away.

May all the nations remember God and turn to Him as their helper in these critical times, lest they be included among those nations that forget God and are cast into hell. God alone brings help where all others fail. He came to bring peace on earth and good will among men, and today He is waiting and willing to heal the whole world. For the leaves of the tree of life shall be for the healing of all nations.

GRATEFUL LOVE

We talk about the telescope of faith, but I think we want even more the microscope of watchful grateful love. Apply this to the little bits of our daily lives in the light of the Spirit, and how wonderfully they come out!—Francis R. Havergal.

YOUNG PEOPLES RALLY

Districts No. 2 and 3 are combining again to sponsor a Young Peoples' Rally which will be held at Saint John, N. B., October 5-7 inclusive.

Mrs. Laura Walker, of Waltham, Mass., will be the special speaker.

All who attended the great Rally in Saint John last fall will not want to miss this one. Every one that can, be sure to come!

YOUTH IN ACTION

Throughout the land we rejoice to observe a genuine spiritual awakening, and it is significant that the various church youth organizations are the leaders in this turning to the teachings of Christ. We mention one instance: The National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held August 24-30 in Michigan, set as a goal the winning of one million young people for Christ during their Crusade for Christ campaign.

In another issue we have already referred to the growing Youth for Christ movement in Canada and the United States. From the Religious News column of the **Herald of Holiness** appears the following comment:

"Will the Youth for Christ movement which is doing so much good in keeping the 'bobby sox' group off the streets Saturday nights, and presenting Christ to them in an informal manner, become a permanent organization, or is it just a solution for this pressure war period? At Winona Lake in July they formed an international organization. They enlarged the scope of their activities to include 'an invasion of the English-speaking world with the Gospel through Youth for Christ.' They are 'gearing' their organization for city-wide revival campaigns. It is not to be set up as a new church, neither is its rallies in 5,000 American cities to be like a 'Church service.' It is not a new denomination, society or a school. It is an inroad into the ranks of youth to interest them in the salvation of their souls and is an answer to juvenile crime and delinquency. All we can say now is, 'Bon Voyage' Youth for Christ!"

In this wishing of "Bon Voyage" we heartily join.

From across the water comes an item somewhat in contrast to the cheerful note sounded above. During the Swedish Baptist Association held in Stockholm, several speakers made mention of the prevailing "pleasure-craze" which seemed to hold the youth of Europe in its grip.

One speaker said that the war had not "brought the spiritual re-awakening for which many had hoped."

The Protestant Youth of South America are stirring themselves, as evidenced by the following from the **Herald of Holiness**:

Fifty Protestant Youth organizations of Argentine, have sent an official protest urging the Argentine government to revoke the decree enforcing the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion in the schools. The Argentine Federation of Evangelical Youth, has sent it to President Ferrell according to the Religious News Service.

"BUILDERS"

"A Builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work in his will.
Men said as they saw its beauty;
It shall never know decay,
Great is thy skill; O Builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye!"

A Teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the Temple the Teacher builded
Was unseen by the eye of man.

Gone is the Builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the Teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Is a child's immortal soul."

RESIST THE DEVIL

As it is said that ferocious animals are disarmed by the eye of man, and will dare no violence if he but steadily look at them, so it is when right looks upon wrong. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you; offer him a bold front, and he runs away. He goes, it may be, uttering threats of rage, but yet he goes. —Horace Bushnell.

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PASSION IN PREACHING

While walking through historic Boston Common one afternoon, a friend and I saw a large group of people gathered around an impassioned speaker. It was soon evident that the orator was the ambassador of what was to us—and to many in the audience—a false gospel, that of Karl Marx and Lenin. The doctrines he enunciated, largely by means of innuenda, included those of Class War, the forcible overthrow of Capitalism, the dictatorship of the Proletariat. These doctrines were repulsive to us. But what captivated and held us enthralled was the fervor and downright seriousness of the advocate. As we walked away, my friend said, "If we could mass that passion behind our Christian Gospel, what couldn't the Christian enterprise accomplish!" —A. N. Meckell.

GREAT THOUGHTS

No tempting form of error is without some latent charm derived from truth.—Keith.
The curtains that screen the household gods from the eyes of the vulgar and curious are not woven of lace, but of discretion.
We are so much brothers of one another that we must learn how to live together, or