

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

—ECCLES. 12:1

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### "A LITTLE MEMBER"

It is commonly said that words are cheap; whereas the truth is that nothing in the world is more costly. "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." The tongue is the most difficult of all our members to control; and we are told "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity . . . the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." There is not one of the readers of The Gospel Witness who has not proved these words to be true. Sometimes wrong is done by other members of the body; but the tongue is the guiltiest member of all. Made to be occupied with God's praises; designed to be engaged in a ministry of love; too often it is employed as a messenger of Satan. Christian churches suffer much from the inconsistencies of conduct on the part of their members; but the principal damage to the cause of Christ is done by unsanctified tongues. The writer has been asked to sit with many church councils when trouble has arisen in a church, and in the majority of instances such trouble may be traced to an unruly tongue. It is extraordinary that many apparently good people, who would count it a crime to defraud another of a five-cent piece, or to inflict upon another the slightest bodily injury, yet seem to have no compunction whatever in robbing another of his reputation, or in inflicting upon the sensitive spirit wounds which years cannot heal.

But the worst of this habit is that it is usually done in the dark. Men privily slander their neighbour with their tongue. When the man whose character is besmirched is not present, or the woman whose motives are impugned knows nothing about it, an unkind word is spoken which sets on fire the whole course of nature. The command "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour" is just as much a part of the decalogue as "Thou shalt not kill," or "Thou shalt not steal." The blessing of the Lord is prevented, and many a Christian life is stripped of its beauty and fruitfulness and power, by the pernicious habit of speaking evil of other people. There is perhaps no instrument which the devil uses with more deadly effect than the human tongue; and who of us dares to assume that we are safe in this particular? We need to pray constantly to be preserved from evil speaking; and this may be only as our conversation is always with grace, seasoned with salt.

### WHAT TITHING DOES

1. It makes the conscience tender.
2. It is a safeguard against stinginess.
3. It is a wonderful stimulant to faith.
4. It strengthens obedience on all other lines.
5. It makes us appreciate the nine-tenths more.
6. It brings light to the mind on all other subjects.
7. It is regular, dependable, and not spasmodic action.
8. It gives us sweet access to God in prayer devotions.
9. It makes benevolence a fixed affection of the soul.
10. It makes God's special Providence much more real.

### WANTING STRANGE POWER

Many Christians have a vague, fantastic notion of spiritual power, as a galvanic shock, instead of a deep, humble energy in the heart to go right on doing God's will.

Some time ago a brother went to the chapel to make a fire and light the lamps for a religious meeting. In a few minutes there came a brother who was always harping on power, mighty power, and if we had the power, how the devil would tremble, and many like expressions. At the same time this man who had always harped on power was noted for being lazy, and stingy, and shirking the plain humble duties of life. So the other brother replied, "God has given us the power already to go ahead and do His will, and what special power do you need just now except power for us to make these fires and light these lamps and sweep the house?" And when the meeting begins, if we are right with God, we shall have the power to sing, to pray, to testify, to talk to souls, to rejoice in God and to go right on doing God's will."

But the other man was too lazy to make a fire in the stove, but wanted some galvanic shock to come in on him that would make him yell and jump over the benches, and frighten the neighbors, and make a big splurge and show off what a tremendous religion he had. These two men illustrate the different notions that people have of power.

There are some people who bellow like a bull for power, and are utterly good for nothing to God or man, either in their homes or in the church. The highest power is to love our enemies, to give our prayers, our money, our tears and our lives to Jesus and the saving of souls, and to humbly endure all things.

—G. D. WATSON.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY REPORT

The following report is reprinted from the Beacon, and is written as from a diary:

Friday, Sept. 30.

Dear Diary,

Tonight I'm in Havelock, N. S. We drove up from the college after supper to attend the district Young People's Rally which is being held this week-end. The Rally started last evening with a fairly good attendance. Most of the delegates however, arrived tonight. Mr. Leslie Hicks is the guest speaker for these meetings. He spoke tonight on the subject, "A guest in the Lord's Tent," basing his message on the 15th and 24th Psalms. The church was full this evening; I don't know just where they'll seat the Sunday congregation.

Saturday, Oct. 1.

Dear Diary,

Today has been another bright fall day. The country really is beautiful this time of the year. We are staying with some very nice people. It is really wonderful the way this community has opened its doors to this Rally. Catholic families as well as Protestant families, have welcomed the delegates into their homes. No services were held during the day, as many young people were staying at a distance from the church. It was decided to appoint officers after the evening services. The following were elected:—

President—Melvin Perry.

Vice-Pres.—Vesta Dunlop.

Sec.-Treas.—Evelyn Landers.

Advertising Committee—Violas Smith and Kathryn Landers.

This evening Mr. Hicks spoke from St. Luke 3:16, 17, using more particularly the words, "... He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire; whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor . . ."

Sunday, October 3.

Dear Diary,

I am back at Bethany tonight. We drove down after the evening service. The church had a capacity congregation today. The day began with a love feast this morning conducted by Beulah Greene. During the opening part of the morning service a seeker came to the altar, so Bro. Hicks dispensed with his message and opened the meeting for seekers. Several prayed through to victory. In the afternoon Mr. Hicks took for his text "The Eternal God is our refuge." At night he spoke from the text, Luke 16:6 . . . tell his disciples and Peter. Two young people prayed through to definite help in this service. He's really a good speaker. I enjoyed the service very much. Well it's late and since tomorrow begins another busy week, I guess I'd better get to bed.

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### WE MUST WORK

There have been those who have looked upon work of any kind as being quite disassociated with religion.

A stranger to the East, seeing a tomb venerated, inquired, "Who is buried there?"

"A holy man, sir," was the reply.

Asking, "What did he do?" he was greeted with the surprised exclamation, "Do? He didn't do anything—he was a holy man!"

God is holy, but He is the greater worker of all. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." We must work; work to save souls. We must work with a purpose, energy, and patience. "Work, for the night is coming!"—War Cry.

### THE SECRET OF JOY

He who lives without prayer, he who lives with little prayer, he who seldom reads the Word, he who seldom looks up to heaven for a fresh influence on high—he will become barren. But he who calls in secret on his God, who spends much time in holy retirement, who delights to meditate on the words of the Most High, whose soul is given up to Christ—such a man must have an overflowing heart; and as his heart is, such will his life be.—Sel.

### UNITED NATIONS PRAYER CHAMBER

It is planned to install a simple, nondenominational prayer room in the coming great headquarters building of the United Nations. So insistent have been the demands from many quarters for the reverent acknowledgment of the Supreme Being that this concession has been at last granted. Here the representatives of all religions may pray for guidance in their efforts for universal peace. The room will not be styled a chapel, for that term is connected with the Christian faith, the name coming from the chapel (cappella) where the cape (cappa) of St. Martin was preserved, and afterwards extended to include any Christian sanctuary.

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