

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

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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### HE LOOKED FOR A CITY

Furthermore he was so certain of reaching that city one day that he was satisfied to live in tents while he journeyed here below.

Young people, I am inclined to believe that if most of us had our eyes examined we would be amazed at the number of us who are terribly near-sighted. We can scarcely see past our own noses. We are so wrapped up in our own little personal interests that we are falling all over ourselves. We get so circumscribed that we get nearly cross-eyed. C. H. Spurgeon said, "A man wrapped up in himself makes a pretty small parcel." God help us to live big lives, worth while lives.

How can we do it? Let us take a walk to the office of the great Optometrist described in Matthew 6:6. Let us have a private interview with Him and ask Him to change the focus of our vision; ask Him to set our focus on that city "that hath foundations."

It was by faith that Abraham could see that city so plainly. Faith makes things real to us. Faith is not a mystical nothingness. Faith is a **substance** . . . the **evidence** of things not seen. Through faith that heavenly city can become an actual reality to us, so much so that we will support our very life upon it and allow our very action to be motivated by it.

I feel that here is one of the answers to instability among young people. Too many are troubled with short-sightedness. They cannot see beyond the fog and the mist of a half-hearted experience. They cannot get above themselves. Oh, that we might get our spiritual vision magnified enough so that amid the disturbances, turmoils and upheavals in the temporal realm, we might have that steadfast look above that would stay our souls as an anchor stays the ship in a storm!

We live too near the earth. Unless we can get above and beyond ourselves and our circumstances we will never learn the secret of a victorious experience in God.

I know that we are human and I know that we are living in a world that has a tremendous pull upon us from the human standpoint. But here we have no continuing city. This world is not our home. Why do we let it run us in its mold of frivolity and lightness? Over and over again the Word exhorts us to be sober. This does not mean gloomy or moody. But it does mean to be a responsible personality with a realization that this is the seed time of a heavenly harvest and the infancy of an eternal manhood. It does mean that the light, cheap, frivolous things of time and sense will be laid aside for the nobler, richer, deeper issues of real living.

This life is but a hands-breath, and then we shall go on. Are you looking for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God? If so, keep your vision constantly focused toward that place, for in doing so you will be enabled to live above the annoying circumstances of life. The bigness and the worth of your life will depend upon how steadfastly you look upon eternal values.

WILLIAM MORGAN

### WHAT HAVE WE DONE TODAY

We shall do much in the years to come,  
But what have we done today?  
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give today?  
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,  
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,  
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,  
But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after while,  
But what have we been today?  
We shall bring to each life a lovely smile,  
But what have we brought today?  
We shall give to truth a grander birth  
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,  
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth;  
But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the bye and bye,  
But what have we sown today?  
We shall build us mansions in the sky  
But what have we built today?  
'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,  
But here and now, do we do our task?  
Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,  
"What have we done today?"

—Sel.

### IN TIME OF TROUBLE SAY:

FIRST:

He brought me here—it is by His will  
I am in this strait place; in that will I rest.

NEXT:

He will keep me in His love, and give me  
grace in this trial to behave as His child.

THEN:

He will make the trial a blessing, teaching  
me the lessons He wants me to learn, and  
working in me the grace He intends for  
me.

LAST:

In His good time He can bring me out  
again, how and when He knows.

SAY—I AM HERE:

By God's Appointment  
In God's Keeping.  
Under His Training  
For His Time.

—Sel.

### MEMORY WORK

1. What is sin?  
"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."—I. John 3:4.
2. What is the greatest sin?  
"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.
3. What is the punishment for sin?  
"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Rom. 6:23.
4. What did God do for sinful man?  
"But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."—Rom. 5:8.
5. Is there no hope for man in his sinful condition?  
"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am so pleased to hear such good reports from the children's part of the Lord's great vineyard. Yesterday, upon reading the report from the Fort Fairfield newly organized Junior Crusader group, I was truly thrilled to learn that interest is increasing and that new groups are organizing. If you don't have one in your church, why don't you ask your pastor to try to get someone to lead such a group? And if your church does have a Junior Crusader group, won't you please write and tell us, so we all can know about it?

Dear reader, are you a Christian? If you are, are you reading your Bible every day? Are you praying every day? And I don't just mean saying a few words before you fall into bed at night. Are you memorizing Bible promises and verses that will help you to put the old devil to the run if he should try to tempt you? If some unsaved playmate asked you about being saved, do you know any Scripture that you could use to explain it to them.

At the close of this letter I am going to give you some memory work. I would like you to **learn it, both verse and the reference; say it to someone so that you're sure you have learned it right, and then write to me about it.**

And if some of you boys and girls are not Christians, are you really thinking about how much you owe Jesus? Have you thought what it must have meant to Jesus to come down to this earth to live as any man, when He might have been enjoying wonderful beauties of Heaven? Then, not only to live, but to die for you—to suffer, to be scorned, to be nailed to the cross! What are you doing for Him? Give Him your life now and then serve Him faithfully. That is the least we can do for this wonderful Saviour.

I shall pray for you all, that if you know Jesus as your Saviour that you will become strong Christians, and that if you have not yet made that decision, that you will soon—very soon, let Him have your life.

Your friend,

FRANCES MOSES

### SOUL TRAVAIL

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Israel had gone up from the cherub. The glory had departed. No shouts of praise or joyful hallelujahs in their worship. That sounds quite modern doesn't it?

If God should send His destroying angels to His church again at this time I am wondering how many of us he would find God's preserving mark upon, because we have a passion for the lost and a soul travail.

"Shall I be carried to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win a prize  
And sailed through bloody seas?"

Sure I must fight if I would win,  
Increase my courage, Lord,  
I'll bear the cross, endure the shame,  
Supported by Thy word."