

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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"LET GOD ARISE. LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED"

John Elias, the great Welsh preacher, went into a certain godless district where the inhabitants were accustomed to spend Sunday at the Fair. With much prayer and with great brokenness of heart over the godlessness of the people, in the strength of the Lord he prepared himself to preach Christ to them. Such a revival broke out in that place that there never was known to be held another Fair there on Sunday.

On one occasion he visited another district in Wales. In the whole neighborhood the state of religion was very low and it had been for many years. Paxton Hood writing of Elias' visit there said, "He prayed, and the heavens gave rain." He took as his text, "Let God arise. Let His enemies be scattered." It was an astonishing time. While the preacher drove along with tremendous power, multitudes of people fell to the ground. Calm stood the man, his words rushing from him like flames of fires. There were added to the churches of that immediate neighborhood in consequence of the impetus of that sermon 2500 souls.—Selected.

THINK IT OVER

Thomas Cook of England, a flaming Methodist evangelist of the past century, who very humbly admitted that 120,000 souls sought God under his ministry, believed that the preaching of sanctification was the first condition of revival.

"Long ago," he said, "I learned the lesson that if we would convert sinners, we must revive saints. This is not only needful because the converts in a period of revival are almost certain to conform to the type of the average professor, but because the harboring of unkind feelings, the want of charity and forbearance, ill will, the indulgence of prejudices or animosities, prevent the outpouring of God's Spirit, without which all our efforts are in vain. The preaching of the doctrine of entire sanctification prepares the way of the Lord by welding His people together in unity and love as no other truth does. Indeed, it is as Wesley said, 'Wherever a work of sanctification breaks out, the work of God prospers'." —Selected.

FORGIVE ME LORD

Alice Mortenson

Forgive me, Lord! I see the need of missions,
And sacrifice for people far away,
But what about that cold and hungry person
I hurried from my humble door today?

Forgive me, Lord! The foreign fields are
calling,

'Tis right that I should help, the cause is
great;

But what about that disappointed stranger
I turned without compassion from my gate?

PRAYER FOR RUSSIA'S EVANGELIZATION

A plenary session of the Soviet Society for Political and Scientific Research has decided to launch an intense struggle against the "medieval Christian outlook," the Leningrad

Radio announced.

For this purpose a half-million propagandists will be sent to all Soviet republics with anti-religious films and 20 million pamphlets will be circulated.

"The struggle against the gospel and Christian legend must be conducted ruthlessly and with all the means at the disposal of Communism," said the society's chairman.

—Herald of His Coming.

NIGHT VIGILS—DAYS OF FASTING

I have been in that old church in New England where Jonathan Edwards preached his great sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." He had a little manuscript which he held up so close to his face that they couldn't see his countenance. He went on and on, the people in the crowded church were tremendously moved. One man sprang to his feet, rushed down the aisles and cried, "Mr. Edwards, is there no mercy with God?" Other men caught hold on the backs of the pews lest they should slip into perdition.

I have seen the old pillars around which they threw their arms when they thought the day of judgment had dawned upon them. The power of that sermon is still felt in the United States today. But there is a bit of history behind it.

For three days Jonathan Edwards had not eaten a mouthful of food; for three nights, he had not closed his eyes in sleep. Over and over again he had been saying to God, "Give me New England! Give me New England!" and when he rose from his knees and made his way into the pulpit, they say he looked as if he had been gazing straight into the face of God. They say that before he opened his lips to speak, conviction fell upon his audience.

—J. Wilbur Chapman.

BACK TO GOD

America is confronted with such peril as has never come in the nation's history. We stand at an hour of destiny which will determine whether the free people of the earth shall remain free.

The forces arrayed against us are mighty, and in their own thinking, invincible. But we have a God greater than all these forces. The only hope for America is back to God!

—J. C. McPheeters.

THE PRAYER PASSION

If only the Church of Christ could be impelled to prayer, today's crisis would be met. If only the people of God could be baptized into a passion of prayer, spiritual life and power would quicken, miracles would return, and multitudes would be added unto the Lord.

—Samuel Chadwick.

PRAYER COSTS

God calls for intercessors who will pay the price of prayer,

Who, one with His beloved Son, His sufferings, too, will share.

Prayer costs; for those who intercede must to their Master say,

"Thy will be done in everything; I'll trust Thee and obey."

Never expect it to be known — the cost of

answered prayer,
Save by the saints who walk with Him; this
privilege they share
'Twas in the Garden agony His prayer
prevail'd with God,
And then He seal'd "the way of prayer" by
His own precious Blood.

O Lord, with humble melted love, I pray Thee
let me share

Fellowship with Thee in suffering—the cost
of answered prayer.

O blessed life of access with Thee at the
throne of grace;

Let my whole being praise Thee, until I see
Thy face.

—The United Evangelical.

*These lines, surely the loveliest ever written on the will of God, were found among the papers of an African missionary after his death.

TIGHTEN THE REINS ON FASTING

If we cannot fast it is sure evidence that we are living in the flesh and consequently wallowing in the mire of fleshly indulgence. Fasting and prayer deepens, and ennobles the experience into a deep, sweet, composed character; develops meekness, humility, and divine loveliness, increases supernatural power in the life, eradicates demon power from the physical, and from the spirit of a person. It keeps the human channel at its best for God's ministry of the Spirit.

—Charles Burton Warren.

THE CHOICE

Charles Henry Mackintosh

To follow Christ—or go the other way;
This is the choice which no one can refuse,
Nor can he say he does not choose to choose—
His life proclaims the choice he will not say!

Although the road of life runs out of sight
In both directions, there are only two,
And we must choose between them, as we do
When we begin to walk to left or right,
Toward the darkness, or toward the Light,
And whether with the many, or the few.

At most, we may refuse to face the facts,
But, even if we do not choose to voice
The nature and direction of our choice,
It finds its own expression, in our acts.

—Herald of Holiness

GENUINE RELIGION

John Wesley advised not to go to extremes. Stay in the middle of the road would be a good definition for his meaning. The Church of God has been hurt greatly by extremes. One class have produced fanatics and the other class have been so afraid they would seem to be akin to fanaticism that they have produced skeptics, infidels, higher critics, etc.

The first question is, Do we know that we have salvation? And the second question is like unto this one, Do other people know we have it?

It is not enough to profess; we must possess. What the world wants to know day is, are we living up to our profession? The Evangel.