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## "Blameless."

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**L**ORD, is it possible that I  
Unblamed shall be?  
Is there, indeed, a stainless robe  
Prepared for me?

When Thou did'st leave Thy throne of light,  
My sin to bear,  
Did'st Thou of Thine own righteousness  
Bring me a share?

Shall I who, of myself, have naught  
Or wise or right,  
Stand unproved and faultless in  
Thy holy sight?

Yes, Lord, all things are possible  
To Thy rich grace;  
And I, e'en I, shall walk in white  
Before Thy face!

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## Quo Vadis?

**T**HAT question has been appealing to us from the cover of a popular book which has its place upon our shelves. The book deals with the days of fierce persecution under Nero, and the title is born of the following tradition. When Peter was fleeing from Rome to escape the bitter persecutions that were raging there, he met his Lord and addressed to Him this enquiry, "*Quo vadis, Domini?*"—"Lord, whither goest Thou?" "To Rome, to suffer again," was the sad reply, which led to Peter's willing return and heroic martyrdom.

This is a question which every youth needs to hear, and all happiness and success in life depends upon how it is answered.

Life is full of possibilities to young people. Thomas Carlyle tells, in one of his essays, of how people from the same materials erect very different structures. From brick and mortar one builds a palace, the other a hovel; one builds a warehouse, the other a villa. So is it in life. The material is much the same, but it depends on the controlling purpose what the structure shall be. Keeping to the question at the head of this article, life and destiny are determined by the goal which the individual keeps in view.

Success in life depends for the most part on the direction taken by those who stand nearest the sunrise. Life-courses are seldom changed when

the period of youth is passed. Luther had chosen the direction of his life, which led toward the Reformation, when he was but a youth. Wesley began the great history of Methodism when he was but twenty-six. In his bleak garret John Milton received the idea of writing a great Christian poem when he was but a boy; it was then that direction was given to his life. So with Calvin and Knox and Zwingli, and William of Orange, and Burke, and Garrison, and a multitude of others who have won fame in the present or the past.

The chief business of life is to make the most of life—intellectually, morally, and spiritually. Whether life will be noble and good will depend on the direction which it receives in youth. The goal which is kept before the mind will decide character and control destiny. "Whither goest thou?" is the question which every youth needs to ponder. All things wait upon the answer.

## Unemployed Talents.

**E**VERY young people's society is a mine of possibilities. More than any other organization the Christian Endeavor Society has enabled the young people to recognize and utilize their powers for service within the church. But, though much has been accomplished, there are yet almost unlimited possibilities of development latent among the young people of our societies.

It is unlikely that there will be in our country any rapid numerical growth of our movement. There are indications that the Society has almost attained its full growth in this direction. But we have scarcely begun to develop the spiritual possibilities of our young people. The farmer who says, "My field now raises one hundred bushels of wheat, what can I do to make it yield two hundred?" has a grasp of the idea that leads to successful farming. And the society that, encouraged by what has already been accomplished, begins to consider how the talents still lying latent may be called forth and developed, is on a fair way to attain a much higher standard of Christian life and service.

In the parable of the pounds, uttered by the Master, the danger of the non-use of talents receives striking emphasis. The tragedy of the parable gathers around the man who dared not risk the money which was entrusted to him, and which, through all the years of the Master's