

REJOICE, REJOICE, O CHRISTIAN

EDITORIALS

AN EASTER MEDITATION

The rolled-away stone . . . the empty tomb . . . the folded napkin . . . the angels' message . . . the Master's voice . . . the burning hearts . . . the matchless teaching . . . the nail-torn hands and feet . . . the pierced side . . . the miraculous catch of fish—"infallible proofs." Yes, you are right, Luke: "he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs." (Acts 1:3). With Thomas I would say, "My Lord and my God."

But in my own discovery of my Lord I must not forget others. Jesus would not have me do that. "Ye are witnesses of these things," He said. My experience must be told; my Christ must be known.

Are we trying to keep it a secret, young people? A defeated young Christian confessed to me one time that he had never told any of his associates that he was a Christian. Some of us who do tell the news tell it with such difficulty. Poor tongue-tied titmice.

Oh, that we had the bursting hearts of Peter and John who could not do anything but witness. "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard," they said.

Is it that we lack the experience that makes us witnesses, the experience of Pentecost? After that, "you shall be witnesses." We won't be able to confine ourselves. We shall go because we won't be able to stay.

Tarry until ye be endued
With power from on high;
Tarry until the Holy Ghost
Bids you to do or die.
Tarry until
His power doth fill;
Tarry until—
Then go.

"Ye are witnesses of these things." C.E.S.

THE CHILDREN: A CHALLENGE

As young people why don't we accept the challenge of children's work? We could be the teachers if we applied ourselves to learn how to teach. We could learn through literature at our disposal, or we could even attend Bible School long enough to take a special course. We could learn to tell object and flannelgraph lessons. We could learn the children's choruses in order to put pep into the Sunday School, D. V. B. S., or weekly children's meeting. We could learn to play the piano in order to assist in the children's program in our church. We could canvass our communities in order to bring more children into our churches. (By the way, there is such a thing as sanctified ambition.) All this we could do as individuals.

Then as young people's societies we could help finance and organize children's work in our churches. I know of one society that is financing a special program.

To my mind there is a great unrealized potential among you, our young people, as Christian workers. Let us turn the water of potentiality into the steam of service by the heat of enthusiasm and ambition. When you have the steam up, you will find a load to be pulled right in your local church. C. E. S.

A Living Christ for Lively Youth

Martin W. Cox

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?"—this is the question asked by the two men in shining garments at the tomb of Christ. They were speaking for God—they were trying to show the futility of seeking Christ at the tomb. He would be found, not there, but out among the living.

I believe God wants to say something like that to youth today. You may have sought Him among traditions, ideas, theologies—true He will be TAUGHT there. But you must not expect to find Christ for yourself in the religion of your parents—just because they were right with God does not make you right. You will not find God for yourself in books and in the ideas of others. You can only learn ABOUT Him there.

Christ is living. He is real. He is here. He can talk to you. You can talk to Him. You can have His presence. You can know Him. You can walk with Him. You can live for Him. He can be more real to you than your closest friends. This is the way you must find Him, not among the dead, but among the living.

Because He is alive—He walks with us today. He will be the "Friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Because He lives, we shall live also. Youth is lively, awake. Christ will take that natural liveliness and inspire and infuse it with His own life, eternal life. Life will be rich and full and free, because HE LIVES WITHIN our hearts. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

"He is not here: but is risen."

THOUGHTS ON FRIENDSHIP

Douglas MacCallum

Friendship, as one dictionary states, is friendly feeling or behaviour. It comes from the inward and manifests itself in the outward. Sometimes people feel that they can choose their own friends, but this is not true for friendship can be neither bought nor sold. It comes to us as sleep in the night. When we lie down to rest, sleep creeps upon us without our realizing it. Friendship works in the same manner, for by our feeling and behaviour we are unconsciously making or not making friends. This power of making friends is almost "divine," for as it works this power determines whom our friends will be. No man can say he will choose his own friends for they may not choose him. Besides, there is no true friendship where there is premeditated thought.

There are men who "kill" friends as fast as they make them because of things such as egotism, illusions, coldness, criticism, falsehood, etc. So many times men lose their friends because of false impressions they make. We cannot expect to have true friends if we are so proud that no one dares to speak to us; if we criticize people from head to foot; if we lie to the people with whom we associate; if we are so cold toward our fellow men. These things are fatal to friendship, and it's the duty of the individual to guard against them.

UNCLE NED WRITES DICK

Dear Dick,

I guess that the shock of receiving your letter has worn off enough by now for me to attempt an answer. Aunt Vi and I were certainly glad to hear from you anyway.

We often laugh about those happy days you spent with us in vacation time. Your interests then were in the farm and the fishing hole back of the pasture.

I see now though that your interests are changing, Dick. What's this about the neighbour's girl? She can't carry her own books, did you say? You shouldn't pull your innocent uncle into this by asking his advice. Anyway your Aunt Vi says that I'm a poor one to give advice on that subject.

Well, happy is the person who has friends. Good friends make our lives fuller and better. And it's as true as truth itself that there comes a time when a fellow desires friends of the opposite sex.

We can, however, enjoy all the benefits of friendship without becoming "serious," as you say. Serious friendships between teen-age boys and girls almost always end in frustration, and thus do more harm than good. The result is unhappiness.

Two young people can enjoy each other's companionship without becoming intimate in their affections and serious in their plans. The test of time will prove of what kind of stuff our companionships are made. See what three or four years do to our companionships and we shall know whether they will last a lifetime.

Say, Dick, if you are still interested in fishing, we might plan a trip for next month. I think that there are some big ones waiting for us.

Your pal always,

Uncle Ned

"How can I find the shining word,
The glowing phrase that tells
All that your life has meant to me,
All that your friendship spells?
There is no word, no phrase for you
On whom I so depend—
All I can say to you is this
God bless you, precious friend."

—Oleta Leyh.

Notice to Y. P. Societies

It definitely is not too soon to be thinking about the summer and its activities. During this summer, many of our churches will be engaging workers for special D. V. B. S. efforts. Since this work is among our young people let us co-operate in our societies to sponsor such a program with financial aid, workers, prayer, etc. Maybe all the responsibility cannot be carried by the society, but a definite part could be taken and as a result, lift part of the burden from the church.

There is a great need among the young people of our day so we trust that some of this need may be met by your sponsorship of this summer's Vacation Bible School.

D. MacCallum,

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