



News and Notes for Young People

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Dear Young People:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The only way to get anything done is to drop everything and do what is the most important thing at that very moment. For over a week I've been saying, "I must write the Young People." This morning I am beset on all sides with many responsibilities but, after making that same remark, I dropped everything and sat right down to write.

God bless you dear Young People. I cannot properly express to you how it thrills me through and through the way you rise to any challenge placed before you. After I wrote that letter to you, when Paul would bring up the subject of the benches, I'd say "You needn't worry about those. Our Young People have never let me down and they won't this time." Not knowing you as I do, this husband of mine is still feeling quite thrilled at the marvelous response you made to our request. Thank you very much.

In this letter it seems very fitting to send special thanks to the Truro church for their quick response to my plea for cards. Five boxes came yesterday. I am so very grateful.

We are just back from a missionary conference in Vryheid. What a fine time of Christian fellowship we did enjoy as we were with one accord in one place. The Lord was there and that to bless. After the conference we spent a day with Charles and Myra in Paulpietersburg. You know how the work piles up when one is away from home but we both felt the time was well spent. The trip did prove to be very expensive due to car trouble—almost \$70 had to be paid out on the car before we reached home. The joys of motoring!

Let me add congratulations to all the young married couples.

Yours in Him,

Mary and Paul

ON DISCIPLINE

A loose wire gives out no musical note, but fasten the ends, and the piano, the harp, or the violin is born.

Free steam drives no machine, but hamper and confine it with piston and turbine, and you have the great world of machinery made possible. The unhampered river drives no dynamos, but dam it up and you get power sufficient to light a great city.

So our lives must be disciplined, and our thoughts be kept under control if we are to be of any real service in the world.

—War Cry

"HOLDING" A REVIVAL

One evangelist opened a revival meeting by making the following statement, "Friends, I have never learned to hold a revival. But if we can get one 'turned loose,' God will move in with gracious victory."

The King's Highway

WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is the eye by which we look to Jesus. A dim-sighted eye is still an eye; a weeping eye is still an eye.

Faith is the hand with which we lay hold of Jesus. A trembling hand is still a hand. And he is a believer whose heart within him trembles when he touches the hem of the Saviour's garment, that he may be healed.

Faith is the tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. And even then we may believe, when we are without the smallest portion of comfort; for our faith is founded not upon feelings but upon the promises of God.

Faith is the foot by which we go to Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He who comes slowly, nevertheless comes.—George Mueller.

YOUR FAULTS

Make sure that however good you may be, you have faults; that however dull you may be, you can find out what they are; and that however slight they may be, you would better make some patient effort to get rid of them.

—Anonymous

FAMILY DECISION

"Choose me or your religion," thundered the angry father when he returned home from a selling trip to find that his entire family had been converted.

As he walked into the room they were on their knees in family prayers, a scene he had never before witnessed in his house.

One by one the three girls made their choice for Christ—then the son and finally the mother. All said, "We'll take Christ."

That father left that home and never again returned.

God called one of the daughters, who is Bernice Cobb, into the ministry and opened a marvelous field of evangelism to her which has taken her across the nation in soul winning. The other sisters traveled with her in song evangelism, and now that the older sister has married, Lavelle continues her work with Sister Bernice as song evangelist. God gives them gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon their work.

The brother became a minister and has served many years in pastoral work.

Said Bernice, "It pays to be true to God. Had we chosen father and turned down God doubtless the tragedies of the Almighty would have followed us. I have never seen my father since that time. It was a great price to pay, but think of the wonderful price Christ paid for us."

The Preacher's Magazine

DRUDGERY

All the drudgery undergone to make the world's great works seems to escape their ken. Newton wrote his *Chronology* fifteen times; and Gibbon rewrote his *Decline and Fall* nine times. Montesquieu, when speaking of one of his books to a friend, said: "You will read it in a few hours; but I assure you that it has whitened my hair!"

—Patrick Mahoney.