



News and Notes for Young People

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EARTHLY THOUGHTS

By Douglas MacCallum

It was early morning. The haze was drifting slowly from the valleys as the sun came brightly over the hills. Across the narrow dale could be seen a man, sitting on a bright red tractor, absorbed in the work of turning over that lovely, deep-brown, sweet-smelling earth. Of course the birds were singing gaily as they fluttered here and there, watching the man preparing his soil for the seed.

The blade of the plough cut deeply, but the earth did not complain, for this was the preparation process. Later the earth felt the claws of the harrow scratching, digging, tearing away that which was useless. It was a wonderful feeling—just to be loosened. Again, the wheels of the tractor crossed the ground, spreading seed evenly here and there, making sure every spot was covered. Through the days that followed, rain came, the sun shone and God gave a wonderful harvest.

The earth asks us, "Has spring come into your soul? Have you had the painful ploughing process take place in your life? Has the dross been scratched out? The preparation period is sometimes painful, but there is no joy like the joy of producing fruit."

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season" (Psalm 1).

FROM WESLEY

"Suppose then you stood with the great multitude which no man can number, out of every nation, and tongue, and kindred, and people, who give praise unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever; you would not find one among them all that were entered into glory, who was not a witness to the great truth, 'Without holiness no man shall see the Lord;' not one of that innumerable company who was not sanctified before he was glorified. By holiness he was prepared for glory; according to the invariable will of the Lord, that the crown purchased by the blood of his Son, should be given to none but those who are renewed by his Spirit. He is become 'the author of eternal salvation' only 'to them that obey him;' that obey him inwardly and outwardly; that are holy in heart, and holy in all manner of conversation."

—Sermon LVIII, sec. 11

CONFIDENCE

It takes confidence to beget confidence, belief to establish belief, faith to kindle faith. A man selling bullet-proof vests can deluge a police department with illustrated brochures showing the merits of his product. He can give long and learned talks about its effectiveness. All that means very little until he is willing to go out to the pistol range, put it on, and say, "Go ahead, shoot!" It takes such utter belief in Jesus Christ to convey belief. We cannot expect to do much toward encouraging anyone else to put his life into the keeping of Jesus Christ until first we do.—Everett W. Palmer.

The King's Highway

NOTICE TO Y. P. PRESIDENTS

Here is a job for your secretary. Recently I have been asked for lists of our Young Peoples' Officers which I have, but which are badly out-dated. Just take five minutes and a five cent stamp, and make out a COMPLETE LIST now, while you are thinking about it. Be sure to include the addresses of your president and secretary. This is a much needed part of our work.

Thank you,

D. MacCallum,

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DELIVERING THE MESSAGE

The late King George the Fifth was about to begin his speech opening the naval conference in London. It was to be broadcast all over North America through fifty-nine radio stations. The current was to flow through one set of wires energized by one generator.

At the last moment, someone in the Columbia broadcasting rooms tripped over the wires and broke them. Instantly the chief control operator grasped the broken ends. For twenty minutes he literally spliced them through his body, until the break could be repaired. Spasms shook his arms, but he heroically held on; and the operation was a success, thanks to his grit.

A greater than any earthly king has a message for lost and dying men. Sinners have broken the wires. Splice them, Christian preachers, missionaries, parents, friends! Let the message of redeeming love pass through you!

True, it may cost you something. Why shouldn't it? Jesus Christ was commissioned to carry His Father's emancipation proclamation to a world of sinbound slaves. The message passed through His own precious body and left it hanging on a cross, broken and bleeding and breathless. But it came through! The message of the Father came through!

Can we ever pay our debt to Christ? In a small measure—yes, by letting the glad tidings pass through us to others who have never heard.—Gospel Echoes.

COULD THIS HAVE BEEN YOU?

I heard of a telephone girl who turned to another and said, "He is a patient man. I was flustered, and gave him the wrong number four times, and he said so kindly, 'You gave me the wrong number four times, operator, try once again.' I'd like to meet that man." And the other inquired, "What is his number?" When she was told, she said, "I know him, he is my minister." "Then," said the other, "I'm going to hear him preach."—T. T. Shields.

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