



# News and Notes for Young People

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## EXPEDITION IN JORDAN UNCOVERS BIBLICAL CITY OF GIBEON

American archaeologists, digging on the present site of el-Jib, an Arab village in Jordan about eight miles north of Jerusalem, this summer discovered the ancient City of Gibeon. Gibeon is mentioned forty-three times in the Old Testament as "a great city . . . one of the royal cities."

The expedition, which left for the Holy Land in May, was sponsored by Penn's University Museum and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California. It was led by Dr. James B. Pritchard, of the Divinity School, and a staff of six other Americans.

One of the largest cities yet discovered in Palestine, Gibeon was found to spread over sixteen acres, with a thick wall surrounding it. Ten feet wide, the wall is enlarged at vital points to a width of twenty-six feet, and is fortified with towers. Also laid bare, in addition to the fortifications, were parts of the city's water system.

Clinching identification was the finding of inscriptions bearing in ancient Hebrew letters the name "Gibeon." It was the first time in the sixty-six years of Palestine archaeology that this kind of definite identification has been found.—Conquest.

## WHEN WE ARE KNOCKED

On one occasion a nurse in one of the London hospitals complained to the Chaplain-General to the Forces that she had been rudely treated by some of the patients. "Thank God for that!" was the reply. "What do you mean?" asked the astonished nurse. "Why," said the Bishop, "if you are carrying a vessel and somebody knocks up against you, you can only spill out of the vessel what is inside. And when people misjudge and persecute us, we can only spill what is inside. In the case of a godless man, he will probably swear. But if you are Christ-filled, filled with the Holy Spirit you will manifest the gentleness of Christ and make men astonished." —Sunday School Chronicle

"God can give Himself to us only in the measure in which we give ourselves to Him."

## THE VALUE OF CLARITY

A firm advertising for a male stenographer received this reply from a Chinese applicant: "Sir, I am Chinese Bung Ho, but can drive a typewriter with good noise, and my English is it. My last job left itself from me for simple reason that big man was dead. It was on account of not my fault. So, honorable Sirs, what of it? If I can be of big use to you I will arrive on same date as you can guess."—Coronet.

The King's Highway

## NOT DEFEATED

One writer has made a beautiful application to the resurrection of Christ of an incident in history. Here it is. It is said that the news of the Battle of Waterloo first came by a sailing ship to the southeast coast of England, and by signal was wig-wagged to London. When the message reached Winchester, the signals on top of the cathedral began to spell the message: W-e-l-l-i-n-g-t-o-n d-e-f-e-a-t-e-d and then the fog descended and hid the signals and the whole country was in despair. But after a while the fog lifted and the signals on the Winchester cathedral were still at work spelling out the complete sentence: W-e-l-l-i-n-g-t-o-n d-e-f-e-a-t-e-d t-h-e e-n-e-m-y.

The thrilling news raced across the land and lifted all hearts out of gloom into joy. So the heavy gloom of Calvary fled before the victory of the resurrection. The resurrection means defeat turned into victory.

—Anonymous

## THE PERSONAL TOUCH

A noted evangelist was once holding a series of services in a church whose minister was a man of long experience and of great influence. One night as they sat on the platform together, the minister pointed out to the evangelist a man in the congregation. Said he, "For twelve years I have tried in vain to win that man to Christ. I have preached to him so long that I sometimes find myself doing it unconsciously."

"From the pulpit?" asked the evangelist.

"From the pulpit, yes."

"How many times have you gone to him with the love of God in your heart and said, 'I want to see you become a child of God?'"

"I must confess," said the minister, "that I have never spoken to him personally and directly concerning his salvation."

"Then," said the evangelist, "perhaps he is not impregnable after all."

That night the evangelist, after the service, caught the man before he got to the door. He spoke only a few words, but they were earnest and loving. And the next evening, in the after service, the man was on his knees with tears streaming down his cheeks. It was the personal touch that did it.—The Christian Intelligencer.

## WILL YOU BE NEXT?

Drink has no respect of person. Out of 30,000 alcoholics court and hospital cases in Massachusetts alone:

600 were doctors.

300 priests and ministers.

170 dentists.

633 lawyers.

17 judges.

600 businessmen.

There are 4½ million alcoholics in America today! Between 9 and 10 billion dollars was spent for liquor last year!

—Soul Clinic