



News and Notes for Young People

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CHARACTER AND CAPACITY

When a young man applies for a position with us today, we don't care what he knows. What we want to know, is he willing to learn? We are not too much concerned about his I.Q. We want to know if he has character and capacity. If he has character, he will instinctively and without fail do what is right because it is right. If he has capacity and the will to learn, we can take him on from there. There is no limit to what he can achieve.

"We know a great deal in our business about what causes friction between metals, but we do not know nearly enough about what causes friction between people."

—Clarence Belden Randall
Chairman of the Board of
Inland Steel

THE BIBLE AND LIQUOR

Strong drink caused Noah to commit the first sin following the Flood.

It brought a moral blackout to the family of Lot.

It played a tragic part in David's sins of adultery and murder.

It was employed by Absalom when he murdered Amnon.

It debauched and killed Nabal, a descendant of grand old Caleb.

Ahasuerus dethroned good Queen Vashti because she refused to promenade her beauty before his drunken party.

Mighty Babylon fell while Belshazzar with a thousand of his lords drank wine and praised gods of gold and silver.

John the Baptist got his head cut off at a drunken birthday party.

The Bible very emphatically declares, 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.'

—Reprinted from the National Prohibitionist

SENTENCE SERMONS

"If worry gets you anywhere, it's apt to be a place where you can't come back."

"The world teaches a fellow to drink and gamble, and then when he's learned these things too well they kick him out."

—Sam Jones.

"Men are religious naturally; they are Christian supernaturally."

"There is no limit to the good a man can do if he does not care who gets the credit."

THE GREATEST THING—A PURE HEART

It's a great thing to be forgiven—to be in the old seat by the hearth-fire, the old score wiped off the slate, the heavy heart lightened, the Father smiling gently into your eyes. But there's something more and yet better—to be cleaned up inside; the bad taken out, washed out, and a new clean inside put in you. Jesus does both, though it cost Him His life to do it.—S. D. Gordon.

PROBLEM DRINKERS

The "Problem Drinker," a term introduced by C. H. Durfee, is one "whose drinking is not a matter of choice but of inner necessity." Such drinkers are of two types; the first are spoiled children grown up, often those with oversolicitous mothers and dominating fathers; they are usually well built, attractive, friendly, sociable, selfish.

The second type are slight or small of stature, tense, moody, "nervous," ambitious, hard working; they are apt to be disturbed by bodily complaints of emotional origin. To compensate for these conditions, alcohol is resorted to, which lessens physical and mental discomfort and is depended on more and more. This type produces the solitary drinker.

—from Scientific Temperance Journal

A SHINING EXAMPLE

The gift of one man shines out in these latter days like a star. Robert Arthington, of Leeds, a Cambridge graduate, lived in a single room, cooking his own meals; and he gave foreign missions 500,000 pounds on the condition that it was all to be sent on pioneer work within twenty-five years. A slip of paper was found after his death on which he had written these words: "Gladly would I make the floor my bed, a box my chair, and another box my table rather than that men should perish for want of the knowledge of Christ."—Church Chimes.

A DEVIL TO FIGHT

By Mary Gustafson

Doubt is the devil I have to fight with the spear and sword of trust

Till I win my way to the field of might and all of the doubt is past.

I must fight each day to a higher hope, must win where the ways are dark,

For doubt spins webs of questionings to cover faith's flickering spark.

So up, my soul; there's a fight to win, a fight that I dare not lose.

Doubt must go, so my weary heart can follow the good it would choose.

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITY

According to safety experts the alcohol factor contributes to 40% or more of highway accidents. This is in addition to much crime, at least 60% of divorces, and 4,000,000 problem drinkers charged to the use of alcoholic beverages. The total number of alcoholics in America is increasing at the rate of more than 50,000 per year. The church must exercise her moral and educational influences to inform people of the dangers and to show the way to eliminate such hazards. The church either must be her "brother's keeper" or lose her moral leadership.

—Pertinent Paragraphs
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