



# News and Notes for Young People

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## ALWAYS THE BIBLE

A fighting man speaks from the floor of a storm-tossed raft, "Is there a Bible among us?"

On a burning African desert a voice reads quietly: . . . and a thousand heads bow reverently.

In the silence of a night on a Kansas farm . . . a mother finds solace in its thin, worn pages.

Quietly . . . its words of comfort are spoken in solemn requiem . . . as rough hands grown tender lower a hero's body overside.

In the search for peace through generations . . . man has turned to the Bible. For the things men live by are found in this Book that is the Word of God.

In its pages . . . men have found help for their deepest needs, comfort for their shattered spirits, light for their darkest hour.

Always the Bible has inspired the noblest courage and the most sublime actions of man. Heroes have dedicated their lives to its principles. Martyrs have died with its words on their lips.

Now, an anguished world turns to this Book that has molded the life of man—for its lessons of mercy, humanity, tolerance, charity—for a restoration of the spirit torn with grief—for a return of the hope and faith grown weak under the whip of despotism.

And here in its pages is found the flame that lifts men's souls, the courage to face tomorrow, the faith that in good time the sound of war will end . . . and men shall live again in brotherhood and peace.—Expositor.

## HOLINESS

Holiness is that habitual disposition of the soul which directly implies the being cleansed from all sin; from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit; and in consequence, the being endued with those virtues which were also in Jesus Christ, and being so renewed in the spirit of your minds as to be perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect.—John Wesley.

## GOD KNOWS

All of the future, uncertain, unknown,

Is safe in His hands—

He knows.

When I am tempted, afraid and alone,

God understands.

When blows

The rough gale, and the waters are high

Then safe in the arms of the Father am I.

He planned it for me,

That sheltered I'd be

In the love of my Lord;

Not tossed on the sea,

On an ocean of doubt.

All of the future, uncertain, unknown,

He knows.

And He's promised to leave me,

No, never alone!

—Kenneth Robinson

## DYING WORDS OF CHRISTIANS

Our God is the God from whom cometh salvation. God is the Lord by whom we escape death.—Luther.

Live in Christ, live in Christ, and the flesh need not fear death.—Knox.

The best of all God is with us.—John Wesley.

I have pain—there is no argument against sense: but I have peace, I have peace.—Baxter.

More praise still! O help me to praise Him! I have nothing else to do. I have done with prayers and other ordinances.—John Janeway.

The battle's fought—the battle's fought, and the victory is won! The victory is won forever! I am going to bathe in an ocean of purity and benevolence and happiness to all eternity. Faith and patience hold out.—Payson.

Glory to God! I see heaven sweetly opened before me! —Abbott.

Glory! Glory! Glory!—Jos. Everett. These exclamations of rapture continued for twenty-five minutes, and then ceased only with life itself.

God is love! love! love! O for that gust of praise I want to sound!

"Jesus' blood through earth and skies,  
Mercy, free, boundless mercy cries."

—J. Fletcher.

## "PEANUTS"

A priest hearing children's confessions noticed that child after child added, after the recital of more familiar and intelligible sins, that of "throwing peanuts in the river." He thought they were repenting of wasting food. It then occurred to him that it might be a new slang expression for some boyish peccadillo. When the last and smallest child failed to confess it, he decided to fish for information. To bring up the subject, he asked, "What about throwing peanuts in the river?" "But, Father," said the bewildered voice, "I am Peanuts."—Douglas Woodruff, Tablet (London)

## WHAT MARTIN LUTHER SAID

"I am afraid that the universities will prove to be the great gates to hell, unless they labor diligently in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."

## A MOTHER'S ADVICE

Susannah Wesley wrote to her son John, thus:

"Would you judge of the lawfulness or unlawfulness of pleasure, take this rule. Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things—in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be of itself."