

up in a quiet Sunday. We do not conceive of Sunday as a day for social visitation or for social functions, but for reading God's Word and hearing God's truth and going to God's church and sitting solitary with God's Holy Spirit and meeting God's folks. We believe Sunday is holy and that God has blessed it on earth and heaven by the resurrection of his Son. We are not Sabbath breakers but Sabbath lovers and Sabbath keepers. We believe in joy. We practise laughter. We are defenders of the doctrine of a happy heart. We believe that youth is good enough to keep forever. We believe in social life. We are not moping. We are not inglorious. We sing on our way to school, at work, and around the house. We whistle like the thrushes and the blackbirds and save all manner of music in our throats like the morning birds, and sing for no apparent reason, like a robin in the rain. The world seems good to us. We like it. We are glad we are here. We mean to keep the singing heart. We mean to be bringers of the spring to whatsoever port we come. "The joy of

We want to be watchers with him and watchers for him. We want to possess the kindness of Jesus, the thoughtfulness, the calm, the cheer, the manliness, in a word, the characteristics of Jesus, the Son of God. He is our Prince. "We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him." We have seen his Cross in the sky and are come to bow at its foot. We have seen his rainbow in the cloud and are radiant in its consistent hope. We love the Christ. We will serve him while we live. We will listen for his whisper and obey his suggestion and raise, by his good help, to the levels of his high purpose. We are young Christianity-in-earnest in this vocation of eternity. Oklahoma City, Okla.

### The Call to Enthronement Our Christ

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to promulgate the truth, it must be a universal call. God has no chosen people. In every generation with reassuring vanity, certain peoples have claimed to be the only custodians of truth; but Jesus Christ said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." All people, therefore, are God's people. Since "faith is the substance of things hoped for," if the Epworth League would see the universal enthronement of Jesus Christ, our League chapters must be filled with faith-made young people. Men of faith are men of fibre. Faith-made men, like Francis of Assisi, bearing about in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus; like Garibaldi, calling out to the patriots of Italy, "I will return, I will return;" like Benito Juarez, the little Indian, the liberator of Mexico; like General Grant, who with his shibboleth of unconditional surrender hurried from the victory of Vicksburg to the surrender of Appomattox. Faith-made men are God's prompt messengers—they go out in the dark, and when the path leads them to the edge of a precipice, they step over the precipice, and, like Abraham Lin-

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIES

AT the conclusion of this our Eighth International Epworth League Convention, held in the city of Seattle, Wash., July 7-11, 1909, we desire to reach every Epworth League with this message.

We are deeply grateful that the convention sessions throughout have been characterized by the heartiest good will, and that the most kindly and fraternal spirit has prevailed in all the intercourse of our Epworthians at this great representative gathering.

One supreme theme, "The Enthronement of Christ," has been the subject of all our study and consideration. Every address, and sermon and conference, has had this as its main subject.

But the working out in practical detail of this great theme is in your hands. Not in the large convention hall, but in the local chapters must the work be done, and only as our Epworthians do their part unitedly and well, will the glorious prospect before the Epworth League be realized.

We depend on you to push the battle of the Cross until the triumph of our King is seen throughout the world, and our Lord is acknowledged Universal Sovereign.

We are convinced that the work of the Epworth League is not weakening in spiritual force nor is the spirit of our Epworthians losing evangelistic earnestness or missionary fervor, and we rejoice that the achievements of the term just closed justify us in saying that the mission of the Epworth League was never more deeply felt than now, and that the League is in a more healthy and active working condition than ever.

Yet we are confident that we have but begun our work, and that the future will be increasingly fruitful of glory to God if we are but faithful to our real purpose, and loyal to our highest ideals.

Be true! To yourself, to your Church, to your League, and above all to your Divine Master.

Be active! Let every department and committee be organized for work.

Be prompt! Never say "to-morrow" when duty calls or service invites your toil, but do your best to-day.

Be united! From the youngest Junior to the oldest adult let one purpose bind us together and constrain us to do our utmost.

And above all let us earnestly seek by prayer and supplication that endowment from on high which is ever essential to abiding success and by the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit accomplish all our Lord requires at our hands.

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the Lord is our strength." We wake our hearts to sing; no man can keep us from it but God, and God will keep us at it; for he it is, "who giveth us all things richly to enjoy."

This young Christianity-in-earnest is robust. We are not pale like an invalid, not nervous like a neurotic, not bloodless like the anæmic. We are strong. "Ye are strong," says the good Word of God. We feel equal to heavy loads and our muscles rejoice in them. We feel qualified by strength to minister to the wide world. We are out for this job. We want to lift—lift the heathen up to God, lift the darkness from the face of the world, lift the fallen up, and lift the song for such as know not the melody of God. "For valor" is the legend engraven on the medal of certain soldiers who have achieved pre-eminent braveries. We are candidates for that medal at the hands of God, being brave for Christ's sake.

We are watchers for the King. We love the Christ and the world for which He died, and the Church which he so dearly loved.

John Wesley's dream included the spiritual rejuvenation of Great Britain—his native land. When, however, he was roughly deprived of the privilege of preaching the gospel in Epworth Church where his honored father had been the faithful minister for forty-four years, and where he had been his father's curate, he went forth into the churchyard and with his sainted father's grave as a pulpit, he there received his heavenly vision. That modest tomb became a radiant Tabor summit, and as he received his commission from above he exultingly shouted, "The world is my parish!"

The call and commission of the Epworth League are coextensive with the commission and call of our mighty church—no less than the universal enthronement of Jesus Christ.

Truth is pervasive. It can recognize no racial, linguistic, or climatic boundaries. It is for all people and all lands. Who is it declares, "You may say my houses, my lands, my fortune, but you cannot say my truth." Truth is for all—Christ is truth. If the Epworth League has any call

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coln, they trust Almighty God to find a landing place for their feet—and God never fails. Quaint old Count Tolstol said to an American youth who called upon him, "Young man, if you would make the world better, you must be better!" And Mary Lyon said to her girls at Mount Holyoke, "If you would serve your generation, go where no one else will go, and do what no one else will do!" And, oh, young people if you cannot do what you like, then, as someone says, like what you can do! As did young John Wesley, as did the young and beautiful George Esther, as did Peter, James, and John and Stephen and Paul, so each of us must get by his own vision of Jesus Christ. With the real Christ living and loving in his own soul, the Epworthian of the twentieth century is to repeat the conquests of Jesus Christ in all the centuries, to find in himself the fulfillment of the Lord's own promise, "Greater things than these shall ye do because I go to my Father,"

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