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A Livingstone Day

A Livingstone Day is to be observed this month in all churches and Sunday Schools throughout the English speaking world. Our own General Assembly's Committee has issued a leaflet containing suggestions to aid superintendents in preparing a Livingstone Day Programme for Sabbath Schools, as an alternate to the Review Lesson of the last Sunday in March, or the Lesson of either of the two preceding Sundays. Copies have been sent to all superintendents, and additional copies may be obtained by writing Rev. J. C. Robertson, General Secretary for Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, Confederation Life Building, Toronto. Even if the Livingstone Service for Young People's Day has already been held, no Sunday School should fail to take this additional opportunity of recalling the life and work of one of the very greatest of the missionaries of any age of the world.

When the Worst is Said

"Say your worst about the world, yet it is a world in which Jesus rose from the dead." To be sure of this fact gives new heart and courage to face the baffling problems, the tormenting doubts, the weakening fears that crowd in from so many quarters.

Say the world is full of temptation for the individual. There was One who met the concentrated force of all the temptations which can assail any human life, and He overcame temptation raised to its highest power. That One lives. His power is not lessened. He is still the reservoir that never fails, of strength for every one who is tempted. His mighty arm has opened, and holds open, the door of escape from temptation in its myriad forms.

Say the powers of evil in the world often triumph. Be it so, the campaign is not yet finished. The enemy may gain an advantage here and there in the world's wide battlefield, and flushed with a temporary success, fondly imagine that the fight has been won. But history tells of many cases in which evil has prospered only to bring upon itself a more overwhelming defeat. And what yesterday witnessed, to-morrow will repeat. For no cause can win a final victory against the Leader who vanquished death, and brings into the conflict all the resources of His risen life.

Say that God seems to be far off from the world and to have left it to run itself. Well, once, at any rate, He was not far off. He lived in the world, and walked about amongst men in the towns and villages of Galilee. Men heard Him speak and saw how He lived. It cannot be that He who so truly and tenderly cared for men then, has forgotten them now. The One who rose from the dead, is the One who lived and taught and healed in the blessed days of the evangel, and He will not leave the world orphaned.

"Say your worst about the world," thus the Christian rings out his defiant challenge, "yet it is the world in which Jesus rose from the dead," and is therefore a world of good cheer and gladness.

The Road

By Rev. M. B. Davidson, M.A.

My disappointment began when I missed a train which was to carry me into the country one day last summer. It was quite early in the morning, and there was no other train until evening. Do you blame me when I say that I was,—to put the matter quite mildly,—disappointed, especially in view of the fact