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## BISHOP MALLALIEU'S GREETING

TO THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE EPWORTH  
LEAGUE, IN DENVER, JULY 5TH



ALL HAIL, the two millions of Epworth Leaguers of the Methodist Church in Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

You have crossed the threshold of the 20th Century, destined to be the fifth of the greatest centuries in the history of the human race.

Your home and dwelling place is on the central continent of the land system of the planet. You are within easy reach of all the nations of the earth. You speak the superbest living language, the language that already governs a third of the population of the world. All that wealth, and culture and learning can do for you is within your reach. You live in an age when more than in all the past, human intellect and skill subjugate and utilize the forces of nature for the benefit and blessing and uplift of the entire race.

Above all, you possess the Holy Bible, the inspired Word of God, the only written revelation God has ever made to man; and with it, you have the proclamation of the Gospel, which offers a full, free and present salvation to all truly penitent and believing souls. You have a Bible and a Gospel neither obsolete nor obsolescent, neither dead nor about to die. A redeemed, though sinning race, needs them both, and must have them both.

The call of God is imperative upon every Epworth Leaguer to supply this need. It can only be done when with glad and genuine loyalty you consecrate soul and body, time and talents, heart and substance on the altar of service for the glory of God and the salvation of humanity.

And so I plead with you to put aside all frivolity, worldliness, selfishness and indifference. And while I thus plead, I pray, with all my heart, that God may make all Leaguers strong, and wise, and tactful, to do his will; abundantly fill every one with his Holy Spirit, and richly endow you with all spiritual graces that you may bear some worthy part in securing the evangelization of the world within the next fifty years.