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February 2nd is Young People's Day. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes will do all in their power to help the Young People's organizations to make the day a success. The Topic is David Livingstone, the Torch-bearer.

Already good results of the uniting by the General Assembly of the Sabbath Schools' and the Young Peoples Societies' Committees are becoming evident. The two organizations are finding themselves closer together, especially the Bible Classes and the Societies. The problem is to get the maximum of spiritual stimulus, and of training for service from these two sorts of organization with the minimum of machinery. In some instances this will be accomplished by fusion; probably in more by cooperation.

## "How?"

There is often a world of meaning in the monosyllables of the Bible. One of these tiny but tremendous words we find in a great question of Paul's. He had spoken of God as not sparing His own Son, but delivering Him up for us all. Then he asked, with all his passionate energy: "How shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

How, indeed could the Father withhold any lesser gift where He had bestowed the greatest gift? It could not be for lack of willingness. The supreme gift proved, once for all, that there could be no grudging or stinting in the divine generosity. God gives, no less than the sun shines and the fire warms, as the spontaneous outflow of His very nature. Neither could it be for lack of resources. For, having the Son, He had all things. All that divine power could create,

all that divine capacity could enjoy, He possessed in the Son.

The secret of human poverty lies not in the failure of God's giving, but in the failure of man's receiving. Wherever true faith and honest effort open the door ever so little, the great Giver comes in, His hands filled with blessings. No one can measure His love and power till he has measured the apostle's How.

## Worthily of God

By Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D.

So much in life depends on ideals and standards. One of the strongest appeals that can be made to noble natures is to their sense of what is becoming, what is creditable, what is worthy. *Esprit de corps* counts for as much in military life as discipline. It counts unconsciously in all life. It was national *esprit* that responded so instantly and splendidly to that historic appeal: "England expects this day that every man will do his duty." The expectation of the country counted for more in the brave deeds of that day, than the mere sense of duty.

How many a son has been helped by the influence of an honored name and the memory of a noble father, to make a truer success of life than he would otherwise have made! And, the renewed nature responds to all such appeals as certainly and as heartily as the unrenewed. This is why we find such large use made of this lever in the scriptures. This is why the one whom Jesus loved pleads that those, who "for the sake of the name" had gone forth to extend the bounds of the kingdom, should be set forward on their missionary journey worthily of God, ("after a godly sort"). It is a most stimulating appeal. There can be no more inspiring