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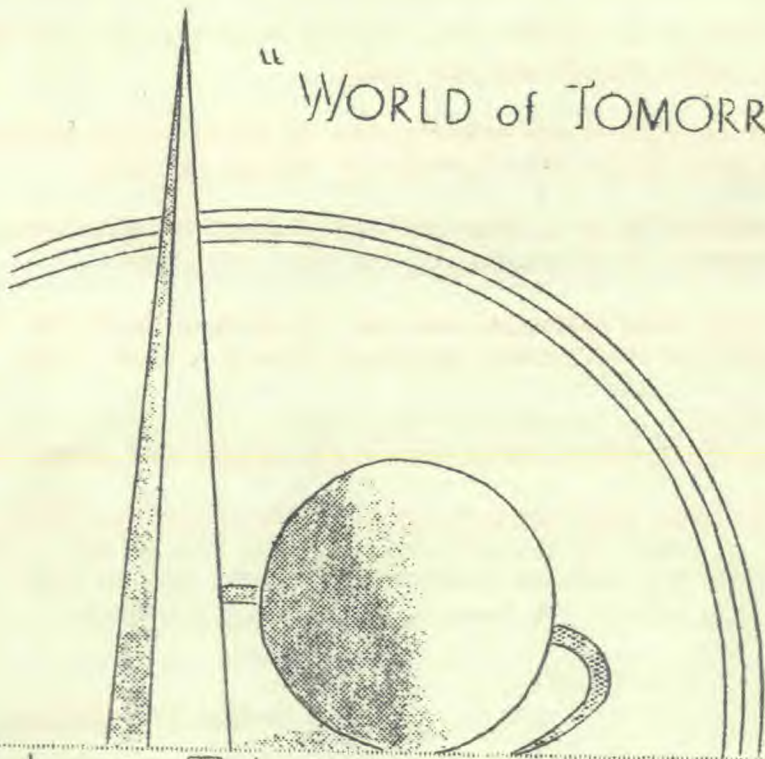


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IT TAKES COURAGE —

To live according to your convictions. To be what you are, and not pretend to be what you are not.

To say, "No," squarely and firmly, when those around you say, "Yes."

To live honestly within your means, and not dishonestly upon the means of others.

To speak the truth when by a little prevarication you can get some special advantage.

To refuse to knuckle down to and bend the knee to the wealthy, even though you are poor.

When mortified and embarrassed by humiliating disaster, to seek in your ruins the elements of future success.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong because others do it or because it is customary and done in trade.

To stay home evenings and try to improve yourself, when your comrades spend their evenings having a good time.

To remain in honest poverty, while others grow rich by questionable methods which you could easily use yourself.

To refrain from gossip, when others about you delight in it, and to stand up for an absent person who is being abused, not to bend the knee to popular prejudice, but to stand firmly erect while others are bowing and fawning for praise and power.

But it always pays.

--The New Success.

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"If I cannot do great things,
I can do small things
In a great way."

ON GOING TO WORK

"How good it seems to be on the way to work," I mused as I started for the office on a recent bright spring morning. And, come to think of it, some people are far less fortunate than those of us who go to work from morning to morning.

A white-haired old man of my acquaintance, for many years, went to work every day. He did very important and efficient service for his country at his office here in Washington, and on numerous trips to foreign countries. Finally, he became so old and feeble that he could not do all that he formerly did. Others had to take his responsibilities. Still he insisted on going to the office. And because he had in former years done such fine work, his office was reserved for him, and the workers treated him just like one of their number. This made him happy. Life still held something for him, for he could go to work. But, alas, the time has come when he can not even get down to the office each morning. Life has lost its zest. He feels useless. He finds it hard to keep up his courage.

When I used to be on my way to school each morning, I saw people going to work, and I could hardly wait until that experience came to me. To leave home in the morning, and start toward an office, definite plans revolving in my mind for accomplishing many useful things during those precious working hours--that seemed a real thrill to me, back in those preparation days.

Now, work-a-day mornings find me headed toward the office. And when I think of the many people who are not on their way to work, and of others who would like to be--those who are too old, or too sick, or just so unfortunate that they do not have any work to go to--I realize more than ever, whether it is a drizzly morning or a bright, sunshiny one, a chilly day or a warm one,

HOW GOOD IT SEEMS TO BE ON THE WAY TO WORK.

Ruth Conard.

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Roses have been loved for thousands of years. They grew along the banks of the Nile in old Egypt and were sometimes buried with the dead. A gold box incrustated with jewels was found in Tutankh-Amen's tomb. It contained roses, which still gave off a delicate fragrance. Roses are mentioned in ancient Coptic manuscripts. The Romans covered the couches of honored guests with roses. At important banquets rose petals covered the floor to a depth of several inches. The rose is the national flower of England and has played an important part in life there. Years ago it was used to flavor foods, and parts of the plant were used for medicine. Bushels of roses were given by vassals to their lords, in lieu of rent.

Roses were brought to this country very early. George Washington had roses from China in his gardens. At Mount Vernon there is a rose with creamy white blossoms that he raised and named for Nelly Custis. It was also called the "Wishing Rose." If a person bowed three times before the bush and made a wish, it was said the wish would come true. In the "restored" gardens at Williamsburg, Virginia, there are only moss roses, since there were no other varieties grown in America at that time. I believe that the roses we have today hold just as much charm for us as the roses of the past did for those who loved and cared for them.

Genevieve Melendy (Nature).

There are extensive water lily gardens in Kenilworth. These are free and open to the public throughout the season, beginning June first.

G.M.

SPREAD

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

In the March Key Note a Score Card was included to encourage each club member to evaluate her own health status. How many found that they scored below 86 in this self test? If so, you should take warning and perhaps correct some of your habits. Or, did you wish you could have that annual physical check-up to aid you in your self-evaluation? We might be able to arrange for such a health clinic for the Keepers of the Keys by our local sanitarium doctors. Let us know if you are interested.

Kathryn L. Jenson (Health).



OBEY THE CALL

"A beautiful old legend says, that one day a monk was sitting in his cell, when suddenly he became conscious of a bright angel sitting beside him; and sweet was the colloquy which ensued between them. But just as the monk was enjoying it immensely, the convent bell began to sway to and fro. What an annoying thing it was! The bell was calling him to go to the door where it was his duty to deal out bread for the poor. He wavered in his mind whether he should go or not; but discipline ruled him, and up he arose and away he went to give the poor what he had to bestow. Then, having discharged his duty, he returned to his cell expecting to find that the angel was gone, but to his surprise he found the angel still there, who said to him, 'If you had not obeyed the call of duty and left me, I should have left you, but because you obeyed the call of duty, I am here.'

"When the bell of duty swings, obey it."--The Analyst.

Margaret Weir
(Spiritual).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT



"Youth! 'Tis life's morn with glowing skies
Unfathomed potentialities,
With ardor stirring, burning zest,
And girded for a world-conquest."

Thirty-two years ago the Young People's Department was definitely organized, and today 130,020 Missionary Volunteers have as their aim "The advent message to all the world in this generation." In order to reach this goal, they are guided in giving heed to their own Christian experience, training for service, and winning souls for the Master.

Various features have been developed by the Department. The Bible Year can now be completed in many native languages. Around the world youth can follow the devotional suggestions given in a Morning Watch Calendar printed in their own tongue. M. V. Week is the same the world over--whether observed in North America in March, in the Far East in January, in Southern Asia in July, or in Africa in August--a time when many workers devote their energies to the youth of the church. Three M. V. Reading Courses, weekly Senior and Junior M. V. Society programs presented to the officers through the "Gazette," Junior Progressive Classes, and Summer Training Camps for Juniors and for Seniors have their place in molding the lives of youth.

But education and consecration lead to something further. Missionary service bands become active. The Senior Progressive Classes challenge: Master Comrade work and Senior Leaders' Camps prepare Seniors for leadership of Juniors; Study and Service League and Advanced League prepare them for personal missionary work and lay evangelism. Nature clubs and camps increase nature-consciousness and lead youth nearer the Creator. Conference M. V. Officers' Conventions, Youth's Rallies and Congresses inspire to united action throughout the world. With the close of 1939, "Messages to Young People" will be printed in 15 languages, 14 of which have been made possible because North American youth gave \$1000 a year since 1937 toward helping their fellow youth to have the book in their native tongue. In every land God is stirring hearts of youth, and they are spreading the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour.

Marjorie W. Marsh

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SECRETARIAL SNAPSHOTS--

Among a number of interesting items in the meeting May 1 was the election of three members to serve with the officers to nominate the Key Note staff for the July-December period. The three appointed were: Rosamond Ginther, Edna Helms, and Thelma Wellman.

The May-basket hunt immediately following contributed to a full attendance. So much life and enthusiasm were in evidence that we wish we might have something as alluring each month.

See you all June 5, at five p.m. The new Key Note staff will be elected at that time.

Ora Williams, Secretary.

WORLD'S FAIR IMPRESSIONS

On May 8 I had the privilege and the fun of spending about six hours at the New York World's Fair. My first impression was of sparkling cleanliness, not one piece of trash being in evidence on the walks. My next, was of the hugeness of the statuary, buildings, the fountains and flower beds, and even the restaurants. Everything seems to be on a colossal scale. The now-famous trylon and perisphere, which dominate the center of the Fair grounds, are most beautiful, illuminated at night. In fact, all the lighting at night is very beautiful. I spent much time in the area devoted to the electrical, industrial exhibits, which are intensely interesting; also "bussed" around on the dime-a-ride buses and saw a great deal. However, the Fair must be seen to be appreciated. Is it worth going to? Definitely so.

Marie Mooney.

Kathryn Haynal answered a contest in the December Gregg Writer, and was one of 10 entrants to receive recognition, her prize being a copy of the Gregg Shorthand Reporting Course, autographed by Charles L. Swom.

THIS 'N' THAT

Stop! Look! Listen! as you cross the streets of suburban Takoma Park these days. Yes, June Bender has her driver's license.

The first of May, Harriett Richardson spent a week with her parents in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and to celebrate her mother's birthday.

Marie Mooney went to New York early in May to her sister Helen's wedding, and after her return found that the happy couple were honeymooning here.

The Secretarial Department staff were happy to attend Delbert Dick's wedding to Dorothy Baum, R.N., on May 29. Delbert is accepting a call to teach science at Canadian Junior College.

Mildred Davis came back from the Fair with sore feet and happy heart after spending May 19-21 in New York. Her comment: "It was grand!" And to prove it she wants to go again.

Mabel Smith's brother, Dale, of California, is spending some time in Takoma Park. Brother's car and Mabel's home cooking make happy days.

About 15 girls took advantage of having their blood count taken on May 18 by Fenton Froom, premedical student at W.M.C. Miss Weir and Dolly Long rank highest in hemoglobin percentage.

Over a recent weekend Esther Kuckenmeister visited relatives in Cleveland, Ohio, making the round trip via the air.

A group of Keepers of the Keys celebrated May 29 by a picnic and a game of baseball in Rock Creek Park.

Arriving in Washington June 7 are: Mrs. C. W. Winning, niece of Miss Fleisher; Mrs. B. Mundall; and the Misses Leta and Leona Fisher, nieces of H. E. Rogers; all from Glendale, California.

Among those "Fair"-minded persons to take advantage of the holidays are: Evelyn Wells, Mayme Higgins, Alice LaBonte, June Bender, Helen Stolz, Sarah Williams, Kathryn Haynal, and Margaret Weir. Thelma Wellman and her parents visited historic Williamsburg, Va.; as did also the Melendy girls, Esther Benton, and Edna Edeburn. Other motor trips took Matilda Wyatt to Piqua, Ohio; Edna Helms to Penna.; Hazel Peter to the Dupont Gardens at Wilmington, and Miss Fleisher to Newport, Penna.

Beautiful India Laces

A large shipment has just arrived, of finely crocheted doilies, luncheon sets, center pieces, scarves

Proceeds go to worthy students at Narsapur

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