The New Year.

Make it a glad one, thou dear Lord, To whom the years belong! Make it a happy year, all crowned With love, and praise, and song. Fill it, yea, let it overflow

With loving gifts from thee, And best of all, dear, patient Lord, A grateful heart would be !

A heart to thank thee for the gift Of each new year of life, A heart to trust the hand which sends Each joy or care or strife, A heart to pray (and to believe That thou dost answer prayer), A heart to hope, a heart to love, A heart to keep and share!

O tender Christ, bless thou this year! Bless thou its dawn, and bless Its noontide and its evening, Lord, And let each heart confess, As days and weeks and months go by To help the year grow old, That of thy glory, King of kings,

The half not yet is told! -Christian Work.

Why Should I be a Christian?

BY REV. MALTBIE D. BABCOCK, D. D.

There is no reason why I should not be a Christian, and every reason why I should be a Christian. I live people, and to myself. Some of the time I may get away from people; but I can never escape from God should be in right relations and on the best terms with people, with God, and with myself.

the right relations, what kind of among them and for them. life is best? Take the best you know till you find a better. The to the best you know.

alone, supreme, incomparable. They hardens your heart. said long ago, I find no fault in Him; Never man spake like this man; Truly this man is the Son of God. In our day men have said. Higher than Jesus human thought has never gone; Whatever the sur prises of the future may be, Jesus are against Him. Can you let manifested, show them that their God. If we cannot preach, we can Christ will never be surpassed, another day steal away its share of salvation is the thing you most pay; if we cannot pray aloud, Richard Watson Gilder has shown what interest you have to-day, what desire. us that there is no dilemma even for protest of conscience, what sense of the man who has doubts of the sin, what longing to be better, what divinity of Jesus Christ. If he is prodigal's home-sickness? Turn her entreaty. Rejoice her heart by The great desideratum is to have honest and earnest, he must follow vour face to your Saviour now. Him anyway.

If Jesus Christ is a man And only a man, I say That of all mankind I will cleave to And to Him I will cleave alway.

If Jesus Christ is God. And the only God, I swear I will follow Him through heaven and hell, The earth, the sea, and the air.

shall we go is unanswered and unanswerable. Every now and then some one sings the praise of Buddhism or Zoroastrianism or Stoicism to-day can give you victory over but does any one think it would be a step forward to take up a religion of no God, or two gods, or many gods? Christianity has the gentleness of the Buddhist, the virtue of Zoroastrian, the love of beauty of the Greek, but without the defects which have carried two of the systems to the grave, and will bury the third also.

As a philosophy, a teaching of truth concerning God and man, life, providence, character, death, Christianity is matchless. The To give eternal life to me, best modern movement of thought and action, like altruism and culture, are children of Christianity, and cannot live far from home. One of the most acute of modern philosophers, no particular friend of Christianity, said that the best way to curn religion from the abstract to the concrete was to live so that Jesus Christ would approve our

Am I a Christian if I believe this? Not necessarily. I may know what is right and not do it; If I thy dying love reject, I may see the truth and not live by That if thy glory shall not see, it; I may recognize Christ and yet | And dare I turn my back on Thee? refuse Him. But that is moral degradation; that is spiritual suicide. I cannot, dare not, thus refuse; There is no peril so great as his who Thee for my Saviour now I choose; has light and turns his back upon And since, Lord, Thou hast died for it, who sees Jesus Christ and chooses Barabbas. To live in a Christian land, to go to a Christian church, to come of a Christian family, and not be a Christian, is to be in the worst kind of danger. Jesus said it would be better in the day of judgment for Sodom and Gomorrah than for the men of nights were moonlight. We lived does not seem to have any interest Capernaum, who knew Him, but in the country, a mile from the in life, and she's so irritable at yourself in such condemnation!

self if you can do less. God loves about my soul.

believe not on Me.

men loved darkness rather than want to confess it, and her talking light. But there is no condemna- with me made me feel all the worse. sense of obligation, no part in the tion to them that are in Christ. At last, in my anguish, and seeking work to be done in every house Look up to God and thank Him to defend myself, I said: for His love. Thank Him by accepting His unspeakable sift, by alone? Other mothers do not talk giving yourself to Him. You owe to their boys as you talk to me. God the joy of having His love accepted and answered.

does it need so much for its sin and brothers. See Him in little children. show right where you live how to help, I found my way to the altar, in certain relations to God, to be loyal to duty, victorious in already crowded with other seekers temptation, brave in trial, loving in of salvacion. every human relation. You owe it I had not been there long when I to the society in which you live, felt about my neck the gentle pres-I can never escape from myself, and which has given you your op sure of a loving arm. I could not Then the most natural and imperial portunities, that it should have see her, but I knew mother was demand of my conscience is that I your best life in Christ for its up- there, and that it was her arm that building and purifying. Ye are was about me. Soon the deep, pent the light of the world; ye are the up emotion of her soul burst forth, But how am I to know what are your fellow men to live Christ's life | the altar, and then in prayer that | And every worshiper should feel

know you must be yourself forever. a boy of fifteen, my heart was Nothing short of inability to speak only failure in life is not to be true | Can you save your self-respect, your | deeply convicted with a sense of or hear can be a valid excuse for Then I must be a Christian. self, when you know that you are Thank God, through the prayers people are worshiping. Thomas There is no one better than Jesus untrue to the best, when you are and counsel of loved ones, I was Fuller bad a poor voice, utterly Christ. There is no standard living a life of unbelief disobedience enabled to accept Jesus as my harsh and untunable, as unpleasant higher than His. Men not in and self-indulgence? Tendencies personal, precious Saviour, and his to himself as it was to others, yet sympathy with Jesus have yet been petrify; character crystallizes. follower I have been ever since he said, Though I cannot chant

> "Forever round the mercy-seat But what if habit-bound, thy feet Should 'ack the will to turn ?"

that, if you are not for Him, you for their pir tual welfare, wisely such as we have, are to be used for Give yourself to Him now and forever. Let nothing prevent you.

about Jesus, but he heard the words mother. You are proud of her. uary .- The Advocate. Follow me, and he began to follow. You are doing many things to make Peter was impulsive and over- her happy; but if you would give confident; Thomas was a natural- her the greatest and deepest posborn doubter; James and John had sible joy, you will give your heart fiery tempers; but they followed to Christ. Do it now. Do not Jesus, and gradually knew Him wait till she is dead. Do not send better, and through him got the her to her grave with a heavy, victory over themselves. You owe broken heart. For Jesus' sake and Peter's question, Lord, to whom it to yourself to be your best self in for mother's sake, be a Christian Christs name, to be Israel, not to-day.—Epworth Herald. Jacob, Peter, not Simon, Paul, not Saul. Jesus Christ by His Spirit your besetting sins, can make selfdevelopment and self-devotion follow self mastery, and at last give you a new name as a gift and secret of love to him that over-

Do you say now, I give myself to Thee, my Saviour? Hear His words: And him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.

And didst Thou leave Thy home To tell me of my Father's love,

And can my heart say, "No" to Thee And didst Thou go to Calvary,

And suffer there, O Lord, for me, Dying that Thou mightst set me free, And can I turn away from Thee?

And dost Thou wait with hands outstretched To me, with endless doubtings vexed, With sins and fears and cares oppress-

And can I spurn Thy promised rest And dost Thou say, if I neglect,

Help me in love to live for Thee. -C. E. World.

Mother And Son.

BY REV. B. C. CORNER,

It was the Fall of the year. The would not obey Him. Do not put church. The special revival services | times. I don't think that she has were in progress. I was a boy of exercise enough, and I want to In justice to God, in justice to fifteen, and had Christian parents. know what you think about my the world that needs Christians Quite a number of the young people sending her to a gymnasium or to supremely, in justice and kindness of the neighborhood had been con- dancing school. She's tired of her to yourself, give yourself heartily verted. I was under conviction. bicycle, and the lawn tennis season to Jesus Christ, and walk in His Earnest prayer was going up for lis past. What would you advise? light, and live His life with His me. I felt it, I knew it. My How old is she? asked the heart was troubled, and yet I did doctor. Look up to God, and ask your. not want anybody to speak to me Nearly nineteen.

ou, and has proved His love and | One night Mother and I, just we forgiven as pastdoubting at Calvary. two, rode to church together. I How can you reject that forgiving | think she had arranged it so Oa love by not accepting it in Jesus the way she gently but earnestly Christ? You are not refusing the pleaded with me to give my heart ing. justice of God. That is not in your to God. She showed me the danger power. You are refusing the love of delay and the awful consequences room, and make her own bed? of God. Jesus said the sin of of rejecting Christ. She told me of which the Spirit of God would con her deep solicitude for my welfare, to mine, and I've always attended vict the world was because they how her heart was burdened for me, to that. and how glad she would be if I This is the condemnation, that would come out on God's side. I ever in the household duties? light is come into the world, and was deeply convicted, but did not

Mother, why don't you let me

Look out into the world. What | eyes, she said to me :

My boy, I dare not let you alone happy. trouble and strife, misunderstand- till you give your heart to Christ. ing and hopelessness, as the spirit Those words pierced my heart. of Christ's brotherhood? The light They told me, as I did not know and hope of the world is the kind | before, how much my mother loved of life Jesus led. Be one of His ne, and how much she desired my salvation. I then and there dein the sick and discouraged in the termined that during that meeting poor, in the overworked and under- I would give my heart to God. A paid, in any one you can help. The few nights after, under the leaderworld needs some one like you to ship of the Holy Spirit, and by His

salt of the earth. You owe it to first in praise that her boy was at people can freely take a part in it.

conscience, your character, your guilt, and of a need of the Saviour. remaining silent when God's obliged to confess that He stands Every choice away from God That was the turning point in my with the nightingale, nor chip with

The guiding lights of love may burn; boys are saved. Do no allow them | croak with the raven, than to be to pass through their teens till they altogether silent. This was the have been converted. By your right princ ple, in harmony with You have Christ's word for it godly life and your deep solicitude Scripture teaching. Our gifts,

comply with her request, yield to cannot read, we can say, Amen!

The Future Unfolding.

A society woman, greatly admired for the beauty of her person and lovliness of her character, relates an ly and awkward and dull. This sin. preyed upon her spirits until she became sullen and mores. One day her French teacher, an old woman, said to her: What ails you my child?

I am so ugly and stupid, she replied, that it puts me in perfect de-

Upon this the teacher put in her hand the bulb of a plant. It was coarse and scaly and stained with. earth. That is you, said the teacher. Plant it and take care of it.

She took the bulb and put it in the earth, and faithfully watered it, until at last there emerged from its unsightly shell an exquisite Japa nese lily-bright omen, as it proved, of the unfolding of her own character.

In some such way as this the soul that fully commits itself to the gentle hand of Christ will be changed into his image from glory to glory.

What She Needed.

I don't know what to do about my daughter Lucy, said a perplexed mother, who had come to an outspoken but kindly old physician for advice. She seems so listless, and

Can she cook?

Oh, no; she knows nothing acout cooking.

Can she sweep? No; my maid does all the sweep-

Does she take care of her own No, I do that. H-r room is next

Does she have any part what-

No; I cannot say that she has No duties, no responsibilities, no

Then, madam, said the doctor, frankly, your daughter has no need Then, with a look that I shall of a gymnasium in which to expend never forget, and with tears in her her pent up energies. I don't won-

Well, no.

Weat would you advise? asked

the mother, weakly. I would advise you to make her feel that she has a part and a place in your bome life; that its duties must be borne by all of the mem bers of the family in common, and that she must do her part toward contributing to the general comfort of the home. A girl of her age, with no home duties, no responsibilities, no interest in her home, needs more than a gymnasium or a dancing school to make her healthful and happy.-The Household.

Take Part in the Service.

Every public religious service should be so conducted that the he might be thoroughly converted. under obligations to himself as well Look into your own heart. You What a night that was! Though as to others to join in the exercises. life. Thank G.d it came so early! the blackbird, I would rather chat-Mothers, do not rest till your ter with the swallow, yea, rather we can sing; If we cannot sing, we Boys, heed mother's counsel, can read in the responses; if we accepting her Saviour. Oh, the pure hearts well attuned, then our burdened hearts of the Christian other personal traits and gifts can mothers for their unsaved boys! be so adjusted as to serve some good Matthew did not know much Lisen, young man. You love your purpose in the exercise of the sanct-

A Thought Worth Holding.

In his sermon, recently, my pastor gave utterance to these words Sin inevitably brings suffering. Engage in some forms of sin, and you will suffer in your body. Engage in other forms of sin, and you will suffer in your mind! Continue in any form of sin and you will damn your soul!

My! What a thought! Ought it not to lead sinners to repentance and stir to mighty activity the whole Church of God? May the early experience that proved a turn- Lord help us each to shun sin, to ing-point in her life. While away war against sin, and, if we have at school she found herself in a done so, to hasten at once to the class of bright and pretty girls, while fount of cleansing, for the blood of she herself was exceptionally home- Jesus Christ cleanseth from all

> FOR WHAT HE MAY BECOME -The ragged youngster of the street may in a few years be the leader of the nation, and the treatment he receives now may determine what kind of a leader he will be. What he may become no man can tell. There is scarcely a limit to his possibilities. Therefore, we should respect childbood for what it may become as we respect age for what it is .- Christian Instructor.

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What Progress.

We who have been teachers for many years let us ask ourselves today the question, 'What progress have we made?

1. Regarding our efficiency in teaching. Do we gain better attention, and notice greater interest in our scholars than formerly!

2. Regarding our knowledge of the Scriptures. Are we making greater advancement in Biblical knowledge?

3. Regarding our attendance. Do we make it a point never to be absent or late when we can possibly avoid it; or do we fail to consider what inconvenience it causes to the superint-ndent and the teachers when we are absent? Many times der that she is irritable and un- during my experience as superintendent have I been subjected to great inconvenience through teachers attending so indifferently.

4. Regarding our prayers. Are we praying that our pupils may be brought to Christ? Do we long for their salvation? By the answers to these questions we may gauge what progress we are making in the Sunday school.-Word and Work.

Triff s lighter than straw are evers in the building up of characters. -Tupper.

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