

The New Year.

Make it a glad one, thou dear Lord, To whom the years belong!

A heart to thank thee for the gift Of each new year of life,

O sinner Christ, bless thou this year! Bless thou its dawn, and bless Its noontide and its evening, Lord,

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.

But how am I to know what are the right relations, what kind of life is best? Take the best you know till you find a better.

Then I must be a Christian. There is no one better than Jesus Christ. There is no standard higher than His.

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

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

Peter's question, Lord, to whom shall we go is unanswered and unanswerable. Every now and then some one sings the praise of Buddhism or Zoroastrianism or Stoicism

As a philosophy, a teaching of truth concerning God and man, life, providence, character, death, Christianity is matchless.

Am I a Christian if I believe this? Not necessarily. I may know what is right and not do it; I may see the truth and not live by it;

I cannot, dare not, thus refuse; Thee for my Saviour now I choose; And since, Lord, Thou hast died for me,

you, and has proved His love and forgiven as past-doubting at Calvary. How can you reject that forgiving love by not accepting it in Jesus Christ?

This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light. But there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ.

Look out into the world. What does it need so much for its sin and trouble and strife, misunderstanding and hopelessness, as the spirit of Christ's brotherhood?

Look into your own heart. You know you must be yourself forever. Can you save your self-respect, your conscience, your character, yourself,

You have Christ's word for it that, if you are not for Him, you are against Him. Can you let another day steal away its share of what interest you have to-day, what protest of conscience, what sense of sin, what longing to be better, what prodigal's home-sickness?

Matthew did not know much about Jesus, but he heard the words Follow me, and he began to follow. Peter was impulsive and over-confident; Thomas was a natural-born doubter; James and John had fiery tempers; but they followed Jesus, and gradually knew Him better, and through him got the victory over themselves.

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 above To tell me of my Father's love, To give eternal life to me,—

And didst Thou go to Calvary, And suffer there, O Lord, for me, Dying that Thou mightest set me free,

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

And dost Thou say, if I neglect, If I thy dying love reject, That if thy glory shall not see,—

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

Mother And Son.

BY REV. E. C. CORNER.

It was the Fall of the year. The nights were moonlight. We lived in the country, a mile from the church. The special revival services were in progress. I was a boy of fifteen, and had Christian parents.

One night Mother and I, just we two, rode to church together. I think she had arranged it so. On the way she gently but earnestly pleaded with me to give my heart to God.

Mother, why don't you let me alone? Other mothers do not talk to their boys as you talk to me.

I had not been there long when I felt about my neck the gentle pressure of a loving arm. I could not see her, but I knew mother was there, and that it was her arm that was about me.

Boys, heed mother's counsel, comply with her request, yield to her entreaty. Rejoice her heart by accepting her Saviour. Oh, the burdened hearts of the Christian mothers for their unsaved boys!

A society woman, greatly admired for the beauty of her person and loveliness of her character, relates an early experience that proved a turning-point in her life.

I am so ugly and stupid, she replied, that it puts me in perfect despair.

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.

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Oh, no; she knows nothing about cooking.

Can she sweep? No; my maid does all the sweeping.

Does she take care of her own room, and make her own bed? No, I do that. Her room is next to mine, and I've always attended to that.

Does she have any part whatever in the household duties? No; I cannot say that she has no duties, no responsibilities, no sense of obligation, no part in the work to be done in every household.

Well, no. Then, madam, said the doctor, frankly, your daughter has no need of a gymnasium in which to expend her pent up energies.

What 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 home life; that its duties must be borne by all of the members of the family in common, and that she must do her part toward contributing to the general comfort of the home.

Take Part in the Service.

Every public religious service should be so conducted that the people can freely take a part in it. And every worshiper should feel under obligations to himself as well as to others to join in the exercises.

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A Thought Worth Holding.

In his sermon, recently, my pastor gave utterance to these words: Sin inevitably brings suffering.

My! What a thought! Ought it not to lead sinners to repentance and stir to mighty activity the whole Church of God?

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.

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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 superintendent and the teachers when we are absent?

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.

Trifles lighter than straw are levers in the building up of characters.—Tupper.

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