

To the New Year

I do not know what thou wilt bring,
What gift, what changes, from the King.

I do not know how it shall be,
But whatsoever comes to me,
Full sure I am.

Content in this sure faith to rest,
That all for him is truly best,
The King supplies.

I welcome thee, then, from above,
For, freighted down, I know, with love,
Are all thy days.

Getting at the Bottom of It.

Now and then rumors pass from lip to lip that touch, and tarnish with their touch, the character of some one we know.

How few take the trouble to get at the bottom of the rumor about another. It is none of our business, there must be some foundation for what we have heard.

If we love our neighbor as we love ourselves we shall be willing to do a little analyzing on his account as well as on our own.

We have changed our figure, and the old is better, so we get back to it again. In pursuing this work of getting at the bottom of the rumor by analyzing the compound of which it is made up, it will surprise you to find what has been contributed by the different parties.

From how small a matter does the most damaging statement sometimes originate. A overheard B making a disparaging remark to C. At that moment A's mind was dwelling upon some incident in D's life and unconsciously he associated B's disparaging remark with D.

The outline is too real and too tragic to pass over with a smile, and a disparaging remark of "Far-fetched!" The scandal that sent your minister from his work with you had no more serious beginning than this.

Christ's Teaching About the Old Testament.

It is difficult for us to remember that the only Bible which the disciples had in the lifetime of our Lord, and for a long time afterward, was the Old Testament.

He found a deeper meaning than they found. To the Sadducees, who called in question the resurrection, He showed that the name of God—the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob—was not a mere string of historic reminiscences, but the key to an enduring relation.

Our Lord appealed to the Scriptures of the Old Testament for their testimony to Himself. "These are they which bear witness of me."

Every man is bound to read these records of God's revelation through humanity in the brightest light which God has given him.

We shall find the path along which God led humanity until the time was ripe for Christ's appearing. We shall find the witness of God's purpose for the race and for ourselves.

In this light of fulfillment and attainment, by the goodness of God's Spirit down to the present, which reveals the depth of revelation. We need the various helpfulness of that human experience with God which the Old Testament records.

Not until you make men self-reliant, intelligent and fond of struggle—fonder of struggle than of help—not until then have you relieved poverty.

Use what talents you possess. The work of the life is done mostly by ordinary ability while geniuses are waiting for splendid opportunities.

The Prospect.

Individuals and churches are entering upon a new year of experiences and endeavor, and where there is the kind of consciousness that should prevail, there is, as a consequence of the untrodden paths before us, more or less anxiety and concern.

At times we say happy the men and churches who have the assurance of work finished of ideas reached, of goals attained, of hopes realized.

Another source of anxiety and concern is the feeling of uncertainty that accompanies the prospect of untried ways.

Doubtless we may hope to have repeated some of those experiences of the year gone, but for the most part we are convinced that our journey lies through an unknown country.

What has been usual may be displaced by the uncustomary. We need not, ay, we should not borrow trouble, but we cannot but have thoughts of this kind. Indeed we do well to face life as it is, that we may be able to meet in the right way the new things that lie before us in the uncertain future.

A further anxiety may arise from the prospect of the difficult and great work committed to us. Individuals may be constrained to say with Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

The prospect brought vividly before our mind by entering upon a new year, however, is one of brightness if

we are assured of God's presence and help. Said David, "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

An Every-Day Hero.

Reuben was a boy who dreamed of the heroic, but unheroically allowed his mother to worry herself out over matters where he might have given the helping hand.

The story was something like this: A few years ago the traveller might have seen a charming little village, now, alas! no longer in existence. A fire broke out one day, in a few hours the quaint little frame houses were destroyed.

"O my son! my son!" he cried, "are you really alive?" "Why, yes, father. When I saw the fire I ran to get our cows away to the pasture lands."

"You are a hero, my boy!" the father exclaimed. "But the boy said: 'Oh, no! A hero is one who does some wonderful deed. I led the cows away because they were in danger, I knew it was the right thing to do.'"

Reuben read the story two or three times, and then he gave a long, low whistle, which meant that he was seriously considering something. "I wonder now if that is true," he thought.

The Old and the New Year.

The year which came to us twelve months ago, all fresh and young, is old and weary. A new year will come to crowd him from his place.

When bad men combine the good must associate, else they will fall one by one an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.—Edmund Burke.

Coughing All Night.

It's this night coughing that breaks us down, keeping us awake most of the time, and annoying everybody in the house. Lots of people don't begin to cough until they go to bed. It gets to be so that retiring for the night is an empty form, for they cannot rest.

HEREDITY.—A woman once visited an institution where homeless and friendless children found a home. Among the little inmates, she came to one to whom her heart went out, and said: "This child I want for my own."

There is a mighty power in love; the love of man can subdue and sway; a noble life; the love of a woman can ennoble and uplift a soul; and greater than these is the love of Christ.

Cheery Dr. Cuyler exclaims: "Ours is a sunny religion, born of divine love; and one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is joy. A joyless Christian is a libel on his profession."

All things that love the sun are out of doors.—Wordsworth.

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