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Two bright heads in the corner, Deep in the easy-chair; One with a crown of yellow gold, And one like the silver fair; One with the m rning's rosy flush. And one with the twilight's tender hush.

Where do the New Years come from? Asks the Goldilocks in her glee; "Do they sail in a pearly shallop Acress a wonderful sea-A sea whose water with rainbows spanned Touch all the borders of fairy land?

"Do all the birds in that country Keep singing by night and by day, Singing among the blossoms That never wither away? Will they let you feel, as you hold them

Their warm hearts beating, but not with

"And the happy little children, Do they wander as they will, To gather the sweet wild roses. And the strawberries on the hill White wings, like butterflies all afloat, And a purple cloud for a fairy boat?

"There sure is such a country; I've seen it many a night, Though I never, never could find it Awake in the morning light; And that is the country over the sea, Where the beautiful New Years wait for me."

"Where do the New Years come from?" Says grandpa, looking away, Through the frosty rime on the window To the distant hill so gray. "They come from the country of Youth, I

And they pass to the land of Long-Ago.

"And which is the fairest country? Dear heart, I can never tell Where the New Years wait their dawning,

Or the beautiful Old Years dwell; But the sweetest summers that ever shone To the land of the Long-Ago have flown.

"The New Years wait for you, darling And the Old Years wait for me; They have carried my dearest treasures To the country over the sea-The eyes that were brightest, the lips that

The gladdest carols when life was young. "But I know of a better country,

Where the Old Years all are new; I shall find its shining pathway Sooner, sweetheart, than you; And I'll send you a message of love and With every dawn of a glad New Year."

The eyes of the dear old pilgrim Are looking across the snows;

While closer nestles the merry face, With its flush like a pink wild rose, Dreaming together, the young and old, Locks of silver and crown of gold. Mrs. Emily Huatington.

New Year's Day with Chinese Boys and Girls.

BY THE REV. FREDERIC POOLE.

The Chinese boys and girls-especi ally the boys - gets lots of fun out of their yearly festivals, and the little urchins look forward to their holiday times with as much glee and happiness as does Young America to the Fourth of July, Decoration Day, Wa hington's Birthday, Christmas, and New Year's.

There is the Lantern Festival, when all turn out to witness the brilliant display, for the whole country is ablaze with the light of thousands of paper lanterns made in all sorts of fancy shapes. Then there is the Moon Festival, when they worship the moon, and the little pigtailed boy and his chubby, small-footed sister look up and see, not a man, but a toad, in the moon; for there is a story of a beautiful Chinese lady who drank some medi\* cine which would keep her free from death, and then went to the moon; where she was turned into a toad, and ever since the Chinese have seen a 'toad in the moon.'

the little folks in China look forward tiny 'golden lily' shoes, which do not best medicine for Fever and Ague I to the Moon Festival is because they measure more than (three inches in have ever used. get all they want of those little moon- length. shaped cakes which are made only for this occasion. They are very prettily boy! He has already got his first pres- creation-when suffering from a cut, decorated, but oh! so awfully indiges- ent when Santa Claus, that is to say tible that the next day the little fel- the boy's father (same thing, you see, ache are apt to think that there was a

The Chinese boys and girls may never have heard of George Washington and the holiday we keep in memory of the Father of his Country, but they know all about a wise and good never carry home all the money that is Chinese official who lived about four hundred and fifty years before our first Christmas, and who was scolded and degraded by an ungrateful Emperor, and cakes. Of course, the father takes so that in sorrow and disgrace he charge of this, - I mean the money,drowned himself. Well, his body was never found; and so, to keep his son ever sees his money presents again. memory, the Chinese, once a year, I really think that a little Chinese boy ever since have had a Dragon Boat must be a good investment for his Festival, and the children go out in father on New Year's Day in China.

benefit of the spirit of the lost minister of state.

But the great day of all days for the children in China is New Year's Day. I think, if you were to ask a little Chinese boy what he meant by 'New customers, if they have any self-respect, [ the young sters scurry away, for the will be sure to pay their debts before the new year; for it is considered a great disgrace to start the new year in debt.

The Chinese know nothing about Christmas, because, you know, that beautiful holiday belongs only te Christian countries.

that he is wrong.

Well, New Year's ever comes first in China, just as it does here, and, dear me, what a time of 'rolic and nervous expectancy it is for the little slant-eyed boys and girls! Lots of firecrackers are laid by in readiness, but none must be let off before the proper time.

Nobody goes to bed that night, but all sit up waiting for the first hour of the new day, when the father, and his wife and the little ones, all worship before the spirit tables of their ancestors, and then at the shrine of the household gods.

Then the door is opened, and the whole family and servants go outside and bow down to a certain part in the heavens which has been indicated in the Chinese calendar, and so worship heaven and earth, and receive the spirit of gladness and good fortune, which, they say, comes fr m that quarter of the heavens.

Then the noise begins, and when I was in China I often used to think that it was a good thing that the country was so big, for every one of the four hundred millions are setting off firecrackers at the same time. This is to frighten away evil spirits, and I have thought many a time that those spirits must have a bad time of it during the dawn of the Chinese New Year. If the Chinese had been present at the time that Admiral Sampson's guns had their bad coughing-spell before the hills of Santiago on a certain day in July, they would have clapped their hands, and cried, 'Good, good! Just like our New Years!'

Yet, notwithstanding the noise, I always liked the New Year's in China, for after the first day the noise stops, and the shops are all cl sed for one or two weeks, for it is unlucky to do business during the birth of the new year (except at the back door, but don't say anything about this).

Then, too, we'Americans could walk along the streets for once in the year feeling sure that nobody would curse us, or call us 'foreign devils,' for it is trying to get some. unlucky to use that bad word at such happy time. Dear me, how I did wish that New Year's would last twelve

But the first day has come, and the little Chinese children get ready to enjoy it for all it is worth. They are dressed in their best and gaudiest clothes, which are only worn on this occasion. The father has got from the pawn-shop his finest silk gowns, which that obliging 'relative' has taken good care of during the past twelve months, and, thus splendidly attired, the proud father and his little boys start out on a little visiting trip to his relatives and friends, to 'Kung Hi, Fah Tsoi,'-wish them a happy new year and many

'What,' you say, 'don't the little girls go too?"

No; they must stay at home, because the little girl is not so important all bilious matter and prevent Ague. as her brother, and besides, she would Mr. J. L. Price, Shoals, Martin Co., But perhaps the chief reason why have difficulty in walking far in her

But what a day it is for the little lows who are suffering from stomach as in this country.) gave him a little string of copper cash tied on a red cord; toad in the cake instead of the moon. for it is unlucky to start the new year without any money in your pocket, and that is something both you and I agree with, -isn't it?

But our little Chinese boy could given to him, for it is the custom for low Oil will be found an excellent every one whom he visits to give him presents of money, as well as candy and I have often wondered if his little

swarms to see the long boat proces- But the visiting is soon over, and cure a neglected cold in a day. But sions on the rivers, and to watch the then the little Chinaman is off, someofferings of rice and other foods as times with his sister, to see the sights sumption. Cough will cease and

shows and the Punch-and Judy shows -which, by the way, is a Chinese invention. They spin their tops and fly their kites, until the sound of gongs and druws tells them that there is a theater or a juggling-show somewhere Year's,' he would say, 'Noise, and near, and off they go, and soon are to plenty of it.' For weeks the Chinese | be found in the front row, 'clapping are preparing for this great event. their hands in childish glee at the funny Houses are cleaned, and the shop- antics of the performers, until the keeper looks forward to it with great | man comes round with the hat. and satisfaction, because he knows that his I then there is a patter of small feet as

Chinese boys have no use for the hat,

-like some other boys I know. But twilight finds the tired little fo'ks at home, for they are afraid to be out at dark; and little John Chinaman closes the day in eating sweetmeats, or in taking his turn at beating the uumusical gong, or in By the way, boys, ask your father diving among the mass of red paper in which comes first, Christmas or New | the courtyard, where the fireworks Year's. He is sure to say 'Christmas,' were let off by his father and big and then you can laugh, and tell him | brothers, in the search for unexploded sing'e crackers, which he at once puts to their proper use, until, tired out with his day's exertions, he is put to bed, and is soon sound asleep, dreaming of cakes and candy, copper cash, and-Punch-and Judy shows, and "Crcr-cr-crack - bing-bang-bcom !"-S. S. Mines.

#### Reuben's Company.

boys. They were named after some missionaries.

Frank had come over to Reuben's to play with him, and they were busy for some time in flying kites and spinning tops. Then they commenced a game which is much liked by the Hindu children.

They filled a paper bag with fruit and parched rice, and then hung it on the branch of a tree. Reuben's mother tied a handkerchief over the eyes of each, and gave him a stick.

The boys took turns in striking the bag. Of course, they made many mistakes. Sometimes they would strike against the trunk of the tree, and sometimes against each other.

'It's lots of fun to be blindfolded and try to break the bag,' laughed Frank, 'and it's lots of fun, too, to have the handkerchief off my eyes, and watch Reuben strike the bag.

'Just think! There are only two of us to eat all the good things in the bag when it bursts,' said Reuben. 'If the other boys knew about this,

they would come here, wouldn't they? Their loud shoutsand merry laughter soon brought other children to the spot, and a gay time they had in trying to break the bag.

"There! I have it at last!" cried Frank, eagerly, as his stick burst the bag, and its contents went flying over

the ground.

Then they scratched for the fruit, the cakes and the corn. The little fellows almost rolled over each other

Reuben alone had none. "Why, where is your share?" asked

"Oh, the others are my company," answered Reuben, "and it was only right for me to let them have their choice first."

"But they're not invited company," said Frank. "Then we will all give some of ours,

cried one of the boys, handing a cake to Reuben. The others did the same, and the polite little boy thus got as many

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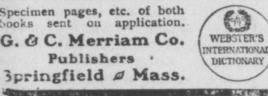
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The founder of the Intelligencer in its first issue said, "Our ob-JECT IS TO BE GOOD."

It has been continued in the same spirit and for the same purpose. On the eve of its Jubilee year, its editor is anxious for nothing so much as that the paper may be and do in the fullest and best sense what it was born to be and do.

During its nearly half-century of life the Intelligencer has had its full share of struggles. All religious papers, as all religious enterprises, have difficulties—and some that are not religious have them, too.

But all the time the Intelligencer has held to its purpose-to promote the Kingdom of Christ, and has moved along without halting step.

That there have been mistakes and imperfect work none know so well, nor regret so much, as those who have had to do with making the paper. But through all the aim has been to send to the homes it has been permitted to enter a paper of high christian character, whose teachings and influences would better its readers.

#### New Features.

We desire that its fiftleth year may be its best. And we are planning to make it, so far as possible, more attractive and more useful.

We are expecting through the year contributions from a number of ministers and others which will be read with pleasure and profit.

We are planning, too, to publish a number of sermons by our own

We expect to be able to present the portraits of a number of our ministers, with brief sketches of their labors.

The usual departments will be kept up: The Sunday School lesson; the Woman's Mission Society: the Children's Page; News of Religious work everywhere: Notes on Current Events; Denominational News; choice selections for family and devotional reading; be ides editorials and editorial notes covering a wide range of subjects.

## Fiftieth Year Celebration.

A fitting celebration of the Intelligencer's 50th year would be a large increase of circulation.

There is room for it. There are hundreds of homes of Free Baptist people into which the denominational paper does not go.

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