

Our Contributors.

THREE CALLS AT NEW YEAR'S.

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When the Apostle Peter was praying on the roof of the house of Simon the tanner, at Joppa, the Spirit said unto him, "Behold, three men seek thee." He hastens down to the door and finds three messengers from Cornelius, the Roman centurion; and he straightway accompanies the messengers to Cornelius at Cæsarea. This historic incident will serve for a parable to illustrate the three callers at the door of many of my readers at the New Year.

The first call is from your

SECULAR BUSINESS.

No matter what your daily occupation may be—whether it is commercial, or professional, or mechanical, or agricultural—yet, if you are a Christian, you must regard it as your "calling" in which to serve your Master. Jesus Christ called Sir George Williams (the founder of the first Young Men's Christian Association), when he was a young merchant's clerk in London, just as truly as He called Charles H. Spurgeon to be the prince of British preachers. He called William E. Dodge and Morris K. Jesup to employ their money and influence for Christ as He summoned Dwight L. Moody to quit a shoe-store and become a mighty winner of souls in the pulpit.

Every station in life is sacred that has Christ in it. Bible-religion is never to be folded up and put away on Sunday night; it must be your apparel all through the week; and you are bound to keep it clean. To a conscientious man or woman secular things are sacred. Paul was serving his Lord with his tent-needle as truly as with his tongue. A rather loud-spoken and pre-tentious church member came into a shoe shop and inquired, "How much religion have you got here today?" "Enough," replied the shoemaker, as he hammered away on his lapstone, "enough to make good, honest shoes—glory to God!" George Herbert's familiar verse is:

"Teach me, my God and King,  
In all things Thee to see,  
And what I do in anything  
To do it as for Thee."

In order to carry your religion into your business this year, there are some things that it behooves you to practise. One of them is a strenuous devotion to your work. Our Master was never idle; notice how often the word "straightway" occurs to describe His promptness. Punctuality is a Christian duty; but never be in such haste to get to your business as to neglect prayer or your morning meal in God's Word. Hem the day with a stout seam of prayer, so that it will not ravel out. Common honesty is too uncommon. A scrupulously honest man will not only pay his just debts on time, but will not risk the interests of his creditors by rash and reckless operations. In these times of hot competition, the snare of American business life is the temptation to rash ventures that are often sadly

like gambling. Slow profits, my friend, are more likely to be solid and sure. If you are an employer, make the Golden Rule the rule of your dealings with those who work for you; if an employee, remember that you have a Master in heaven who is not limited to just so many hours in a day, and honest wages demand honest work. As God shall prosper you this year, see to it that self-indulgence or extravagance does not rob the Lord's contribution boxes. Above all, do not let Mammon dislodge Jesus Christ, or the pressure of your business break your sweet and strong and devout fellowship with your Lord and Saviour.

The second messenger who stands in the doorway of the New Year summons you to your

DOMESTIC DUTIES.

To women and children home occupies the major part of the twenty-four hours; but to quite too many men it is only an eating-house and a dormitory. Such husbands might scorn to rob their creditors, and yet they make no scruple in robbing their wives and children of their society and their loving care. God created the home—not the club house. While a limited number of husbands may spend an occasional hour in the right sort of a club-room to their own advantage, yet in an immense number of cases club-life is the deadly foe of domestic enjoyment, of home influence, and of devotional meetings.

If you want to save your children, anchor them to their home; and, in order to do this, make it bright, cheery and attractive. Sweeten it with love. Consecrate it as a dwelling place for Christ. I know of some wives whose piety shines in a maternal prayer meeting, but it smokes terribly in their own houses. Too much of the religious instruction of children is delegated to the Sunday school. Christian parents, remember that your Almighty Father in heaven has appointed you to be teachers in a school that is open for seven days and nights in every week, and never has any vacations. Your most effective teaching there will not be in the special religious instruction you attempt, but in what you are all the time before your children. Home-preaching saves quite as many souls as all our pulpits; and a godless, prayerless home is too often only a first stage in the journey towards hell!

Who is the third messenger that salutes you in the doorway? It is the

MESSENGER OF YOUR SAVIOUR,

who summons you to a fresh and hearty enlistment in his service. The errand of the three men from Cæsarea was to invite Peter to go on a mission of personal Christian work. He obeyed and started at once. Are there no calls at the door of your heart to the service of your Redeemer? The command of Jesus is, "Follow Me." That means that you shall let Him lead you, and have His way with you, throughout this coming year. Jesus asks you to give Him the best you have—the firstlings of your

flock, the fattest in your stalls, and the finest of your wheat. "When I get any money," said Erasmus, "I buy books; if any is left, I buy clothes." Thus spoke the great scholar who cared more to clothe his mind than his body. If you are lavish of your money, or your time, or your labor for anybody, let it be for Him who purchased heaven for you with His atoning blood. Choose your field of labor for the opening year and then let no storm or heat keep you from it. Work for souls! Determine to win somebody to Jesus! We read much about the "next revival." Let the next revival with you be a quickening of your faith and your holy zeal to do good. As Peter on the housetop and Paul on the road to Damascus were not disobedient to their heavenly visions, so do you be promptly obedient to every voice of Christ and of conscience which reveals a duty, however costly or difficult.

Perhaps another messenger may be sent for you or me before the twelve-month is ended. No matter; if God sends him it is all right. If this is to be the year of our home-going, let it be the best, the holiest, and the happiest. Let us be found at our Master's work when the summons calls on us with the message, "Come up hither and behold the things that shall be hereafter."

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ACHES AND PAINS.

Are Merely Symptoms of Disease and must be treated through the blood.

If you suffer with pain—any kind of pain—keep in mind that pain is but a symptom, not a disease, that what you must fight is not the pain, but its cause; that liniments and oils for external applications are absolutely useless. To overcome the cause of pain, internal treatment is necessary. Pains, no matter where located, will disappear when you purify and enrich the blood and strengthen the nerves. Aches and pains disappear as if by magic when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are used. Every dose actually makes new, rich, red blood, which drives disease from the system and banishes pain. Thousands and thousands of grateful people have given their testimony to prove this. Mr. George Carey, Tilbury, Ont., says: "For a whole summer I suffered terribly from sciatica. The pain was something awful, and I could scarcely bear to have anything touch my leg. I took medicine from two doctors, and tried a number of recommended remedies, but derived no benefit. Then I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and this medicine helped me almost from the start, and soon released me from the trouble, and I have not since had a twinge of it. I therefore have great reason to praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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