

A Prayer For 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, yes, 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 noon-tide 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.

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How to Have a Happy New Year.

A correspondent of the New York
Evangelist suggests the following
scriptural methods for securing a
happy New Year, and we commend
them to all our readers:

Be prepared unto every good
work.

Be ready for every good work.

Be thoroughly furnished unto all
good works.

Abound in every good work.

Being fruitful in every good work.

Be established in every good work
and work.

Be made perfect in every good
work.

In all things showing thyself a
pattern of good works.

Giving thanks always for all
things.

Let all things be done with charity.

Do all things without murmuring.

Being obedient in all things.

And whatsoever ye do, do it
heartily, as to the Lord, and not
unto men.

Setting our affections on things
above, not on things on the earth.

Seeking first the kingdom of God.

Then shall we have a happy New
Year.

The Letter A.

"It's a queer story," said Tom,
"but it's true; the letter A was the
letter that led me to the Saviour.
I was in a peck of trouble at the
time; my wife and the babies were
ill and I was worried, and I had less
than no hope to look to anywhere,
for I didn't believe in religion and
that sort of thing. Well, one night
the paper given me to set up for
printing was about a prize which
was offered to anyone who could
correctly tell the number of A's in
the Book of Hosea. It struck me I
might try.

I'd had extra expenses at home
through illness and the doctor to
pay and so on, and my work being
amongst letters all night, I thought
I stood as good a chance of the prize
as any one, and so I determined I'd
go in for it. I hoped to get the
money, but I found what was better
than silver or gold. I found the
key to life. I used to fancy that
life ended with what we made our
own lives, but that little letter
showed me that we are being led by
a way that we know not, and are in
the hands of One who orders all
things for our good.

It was Friday night I set it up.
As soon as we were free I got to
work, and by Saturday night my
task was done. But as I was count-
ing the A's one struck me more than
others; perhaps it was because it
was a capital, and so I missed it at
first, having been counting the small
ones, and had to go back for it;
perhaps because it was an uncommon
word, Achor. Achor, I thought,
what a queer word! I wonder what
it means? And so I turned to the
reference and saw in Joshua in the
margin, trouble. Well, that's odd,
I said to myself, the valley of trouble
for a door of hope. I'm sure I'm in
trouble enough, and yet I don't see
where the hope is coming from.

All day long that word 'Achor'
stuck in my mind. Saturday night
I spent nursing my wife and wonder-
ing what sort of 'hope' there
could be for me with the prospect
of losing her, for she was very bad
that night. In the morning I got
a turn out of doors, and as I passed
an open church-door, with service
going on, I thought I'd look in and
see if I could get any light in my
difficulty, how trouble could bring
hope. I was late, and the clergy-
man was in the pulpit, so I don't
know what his text was. He was
talking about Atheism, and saying
that 'A' meant 'without' and that
without God there was no hope for
any man. He then showed that
Christ was the hope of every man,
the Alpha and Omega, the begin-
ning and the end of all things. I'd
heard lots of similar sermons, but

you see I'd got the letter A in my
head, having counted so many the
day before, and so it struck me as
curious that I should hear a sermon
which was so much about it, and it
made me listen, and there I found
hope, for I found my Saviour. He
led me through trouble by a way I
knew not, and now I feel I cannot
be silent, but must spend myself for
Him.—From 'Fragments in Baskets.'

A Cottage For a Widow.

I remember a man who enlisted
in our war and left a wife and two
children, and the wife was not in
good health. One cold day in No-
vember, in the first year of war,
news came that he was shot in
battle, and the mother was in great
sorrow. Soon after the landlord
came around after his rent and she
told him her trouble, and said she
would not be able to pay the rent
so regularly as before, as she had
only her needle by which she could
obtain a livelihood; sewing machines
were just coming in then, but as she
could not buy one she had a very
poor chance. The man was a heart-
less wretch and he said that if she
did not pay the rent regularly he
would turn her out. After he went
away the mother began to weep.
Her little child, not quite five, came
up to her and said:

Mamma, is God very rich?

Yes, my child.

Can't God take care of us?

Yes.

Then what makes you cry?

Mayn't I go and ask him?

The mother said she might, if she
liked. The little child knelt at her
cradle-bed, where the mother taught
her to pray, and the mother said
the child never looked so sweet.
She stood weeping over her misfor-
tunes, and the child knelt and said:

O Lord, you have given and taken
away my dear father, and the land-
lord says he will turn us out-of-doors,
and my mamma has no money.
Won't you lend us a little house to
live in?

And then she came out to her
mother and said; Mamma, don't
weep, Jesus will take care of us; I
know he will, for I have asked him.

It is upwards of twenty years and
that mother has never paid any rent
from that day to this. A beautiful
cottage was provided for her and
her two children, and she has lived
there without paying rent. When
the fire swept over Chicago and
burnt up her house a second little
home was put up for her, and there
she is.—The Bible Reader.

If Christ Came to—

If Christ should come to your
town to-day, not as he came to the
little town in Judea long ago, but
in the strength of his wisdom and
in the possession of all authority,
what would he find?

What would he find in your busi-
ness life? Fraud and deception and
greed, and a binding of heavy bur-
dens upon the poor? These things
must cry out against you to the
Righteous One. A sense of human
brotherhood, of common need, and
of responsibility for God's bounty
entrusted to you? Then you have
a Silent Partner in your business,
whose resources are infinite, and
whose interest in the enterprises of
the firm is boundless.

What would Christ find in your
church? Selfishness and self-seek-
ing, strife for the best places and
the highest honors? These things
he found among the Jews of old,
and he rebuked them wherever he
found them. Brotherly love, gener-
ous burden-bearing, and unnoticed
sacrifices gladly made for his sake?
These things are to be found where-
ever his name is honored, though
none but the Master himself knows
them all.

What would Christ find in your
own life? A stifled conscience,
sins as yet hidden from the eyes of
men, a shrinking from the thought
of his coming and his judgment.
These things are to be found in
many an one whom the world ap-
proves and applauds. Struggles
against temptation, of which the
world takes no account; thoughts of
the goodness of God which you have
no word to tell; holy dreams of the
time when you shall sit at the feet
of Jesus and learn the lessons that
are too deep and difficult for you to-
day? Into such a life the Master
has already entered.

For there is no need that Jesus
should bless the earth with a special
visitation at this Christmas time.
He is already here, grieved by the
evil and rejoicing in the good; and
if his people shall listen to the voice
of his counsel all the world shall
know that the Lord is come.

To Make a Happy Home.

1. Learn to govern yourselves,
and to be gentle and patient.
2. Guard your tempers, especially
in seasons of ill-health, irritation,
and trouble, and soften them by
prayer, penitence, and a sense of
your own shortcomings and errors.
3. Never speak or act until you
have prayed over your words or acts.

and concluded that Christ would
have done so in your place.

4. Remember that, valuable as is
the gift of speech, the gift of silence
is often much more valuable.

5. Do not expect too much from
others, but remember that all have
an evil nature, whose development
we must expect, and which we
should forbear and forgive, as we
often desire forbearance and forgive-
ness ourselves.

6. Never retort a sharp or angry
word. It is the second word that
makes the quarrel.

7. Beware of the first disagree-
ment.

8. Learn to speak in a gentle
tone of voice.

9. Learn to say kind and pleasant
things whenever an opportunity
offers.

10. Study the character of each,
and sympathize with all in their
troubles, however small.

11. Do not neglect little things,
if they can effect the comforts of
others in the smallest degree.

12. Avoid moods, and pets, and
fits of sulksiness.

Giving a Fixed Part of Income.

I was conversing with a young
business man in Chicago on the
subject of giving, and he said, I
determined, when I commenced to
work for myself, that I would set
aside a fixed percentage of my in-
come for benevolence. I made a
resolution, and I have kept it.

Well, you began early, I remark-
ed. So I did, was the reply, and it
was well I did. My salary was
small, and to give the proportion I
fixed upon was hard, but there has
never been a year since when it
would not have been harder. A
year or two after I went into busi-
ness for myself, it looked as though
every cent was needed for capital.
I am afraid I shouldn't have com-
menced the system that year. But,
having resolved and made a begin-
ning already, I was ashamed to re-
tract. Then, the year after I was
married. That year I should have
begged off, I am sure, if it had not
been for the habit, by that time
pretty well settled. That carried
me through. Soon after came our
big fire, then hard times, epizotics;
in fact, almost every year something
to make that particular year a bad
one to begin. Now, I always say
to my friends, 'Begin to give as
soon as you begin to make; start
early.' I do not certainly know
what portion of his income the
young merchant gives. Probably a
tenth; not less, I am sure.—Interior.

A Sensible Girl.

Some months ago a young Eng-
lish girl came to an American city
to marry a young man to whom she
was affianced in England, and who
had come to this country two years
previous to engage in business. She
was to marry him at the home of a
friend of her mother's with whom
she was stopping. During the time
she was making up her wedding
outfit he came to see her one even-
ing, when he was just drunk enough
to be foolish. She was shocked and
pained beyond measure. She then
learned for the first time that he
was in the habit of drinking fre-
quently to excess. She immedi-
ately stopped her preparations, and
told him she couldn't marry him.

He protested that she would drive
him to distraction, promised never
to drink another drop, etc. 'No,'
she said, 'I care not trust my future
happiness to a man who has formed
such a habit. I came three thou-
sand miles to marry a man I loved,
and now rather than marry a drunk-
ard, I will go three thousand miles
back again. And she went. Let
all the women take this stand, and
all the men who love law and order
vote for prohibition.—N. Y. Adv.

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Notice is hereby given that under and by
virtue of a power of sale contained in a
certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing
date the fourth day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eighty five, made between the said
Robert Winters of the first part, and
Mary P. Kitchen of the Parish of Kings-
clear in the County of York and Province
aforesaid, wife of Willard Kitchen, of the
second part there will for the purpose of
satisfying the monies secured by said
Indenture of Mortgage, default having
been made in the payment thereof, be sold
at Public Auction, at Phoenix Square in
the City of Fredericton in the County of
York, on Saturday the twenty fifth day
of February next, at the hour of twelve
o'clock noon, the leasehold lands and
premises described in said Indenture of
Mortgage as follows:—

"The Rector, Church Warden and
Vestry of Christ Church in the Parish of
Fredericton in the County of York of the
one part, and Bernard McCaffrey of the
City of Fredericton aforesaid, mason of
the other part, the said Rector Church
Warden and Vestry of Christ Church in
the Parish of Fredericton for the considera-
tion therein mentioned and contained, did
demise, lease and to farm let unto the said
Bernard McCaffrey his Executors, Admin-
istrators and Assigns, 'All that certain
piece or parcel of land situate, lying and
being in block Number seventeen in the
town plat of Fredericton aforesaid, and
comprising part of the lots number two
hundred and sixty nine and two hundred
and seventy one fronting on Brunswick
street fifty six feet, and extending back
from Brunswick Street preserving the
same width Southwesterly one hundred
and sixty feet, bounded on the upper or
northwesterly side by part of said lot
number two hundred and seventy one under
lease to John Blair, excepting and reserving
out of this demise all such things as are
excepted and reserved in the Royal Grant
of the same lands to the said Rector, Church
Warden and Vestry. To Have and to
Hold the said lands unto the said Bernard
McCaffrey his Executors, Administrators
and Assigns for and during the full term
of twenty one years from the twenty fourth
day of March, A. D. 1885, and made
between the said Bernard McCaffrey of the
one part, and the said Robert Winters of
the other part, recorded in the York
County Records immediately preceding the
record hereof, the said Bernard McCaffrey
did sub and demise unto the said Robert
Winters, his Executors, Administrators and
Assigns for the consideration therein men-
tioned, that portion of the above described
lands therein described as follows: 'All
that certain piece or parcel of land in block
number seventeen in the town plat of
Fredericton aforesaid, with a front ex-
tending back of the same which at right
angles one hundred and sixty feet being the
southeast half of said lots so demised by
said Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry to
the said Bernard McCaffrey, together with
all singular buildings and improvements
thereon. To Have and to Hold the said
lot piece or parcel of land, easements,
buildings and premises thereon and thereby
demised, with their and every of their ap-
purtenances unto the said Robert Winters
his Executors, Administrators and Assigns
for and during, and unto the full end and
term of the twenty one years granted by
the said lease first above referred to, and
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