### New Year's Hymn.

I.
Our grateful songs arise
To thee, O God above;
Ascending to the skies
In sacrifice of love.
Almighty Thou, our God and King;
To thee, we now, our praises bring.

II.
In all the flowing years
Thy hand hath safely led,
In pilgrimage of tears,
The living and the dead.
O God Most High, thou art the same;
Though mortals die, unchanged thy name.

III.
With gladness here we meet,
O God, before thy face;
The new-born year to greet,
With all its wondrous grace.
Another gem—along the years!
In diadem—among our tears.

IV.
The hours before thee lie;
We know not what they bring:
Or joy and glad supply,
Or ache of suffering.
Our trust in thee, Jehovah Guide,
Shall ever be; thou wilt provide.

V.
Now, through the open gate,
We pass along our way;
To watch, to pray or wait,
As duty of the day.
Thy Spirit give, O God of might,
That we may live and walk in light.

### A Happy New Year.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding,"

"Happy is he who hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God."

"He that keepeth the law, happy is he."

"Happy is that people whose God is the Lord."

"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."

"Happy is the man that feareth always; but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief."

"He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he."

"Behold we count them happy which endure."

"If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye."

"If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye."

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

### The Bible In The Face Of Death.

"We must needs die." So it was said three thousand years ago, and today universal humanity recognizes the truth of the declaration. The poet has well said—

> The tall, the wise, the reverent head
> Must lie as low as ours."

Death is a solemn event that man can contemplate. Human nature instinctively shrinks from it. We love to live; we shrink from death. But—

"Death enters, and there's no defence;
His time there's none can tell."

Nor can we by searching find in all that the great and wise of earth have said aught to rob death of its terrors. Take all the writings of all the founders of religions, except the Bible, and none of them contain or furnish an antidote for the sting of death. At best they but hold out a flimsy hope of a possible survival after death.

But when we turn to the Bible how changed is all this! Here we find confident declaration—positive assurance. Job says, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19, 25, 26). Here is a positive comforting assurance. He knows it for himself.

The psalmist says: "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory," and, "in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore. Therefore my flesh shall rest in hope." Here David, aided by inspiration, looked over into the realm beyond death, and saw the reality of unending pleasures. For him this prospect robbed death of its terrors.

The prophet Isaiah looked into the future, and seeing the reality of the deliverance awaiting the people of God, said: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." With this glorious prospect in view, he could look composedly, even joyfully, into the face of death.

But it is when we come to the New Testament that we find the most positive, soul-comforting assurance of immoratlity and eternal life. The Apostle Paul well declares, in II. Tim. 1:10, that Jesus Christ both abolished death and brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel," and in Matt. 19:29, Jesus himself says positively that they that forsake all and follow him "shall inherit everlasting life."

In John 3:16 he says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Here not only is God's love for man declared, but the fact that he has made a great sacrifice to provide for him everlasting life, and the apostle well says: "If God spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?" and all things includes everlasting life. Of course, no one who believes in God at all will doubt his ability to give everlasting life to men upon the easy terms of the Gospel.

In John 10:10 Christ says: "I am come that they might have eternal life, and that they might have it more abundantly," and in verses 27 and 28 he says "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life." To these words the believer's soul clings, and their assurance gives him complete victory over the fear of death.

In John 8:40 Jesus says: "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him that sent me may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day," and in verse 51 he says: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread he shall live forever." In John 11:25, 26 he says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" And soon after making this declaration he demonstrated its truth by calling from the grave him who had lain there four days.

These are some of the bed-rock truths to which the believer's faith clings, and in response to his faith there comes into his soul a courage, a comfort, and a joy which enables him to welcome death as the deliverer which is to relieve him of care, sorrow, and pain, and usher him into everlasting bliss and joy at God's right hand in heaven.

Then, if we turn to John 14; 2, 3, we read: "I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." The witness of the Spirit in the believer's soul, and the transforming power of the Gospel over the world are to him satisfactory evidences that Jesus Christ is a divine personage, and that true to his promises, he does in due time come and receive every true believer unto himself, and this assurance makes him joyful even in the presence of death. Thus comforted, he can consign the remains of his loved ones to the tomb, rejoicing, even while his tears flow, in the blessed assurance that they have only gone to "be forever with the Lord."

It was this blessed assurance that made the apostles and Christian martyrs all so courageous in publishing the glad tidings of salvation in the face of fiery opposition; and at the close of his eventful career Paul could say, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

In II. Cor. 5:1 Paul says: "For we know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were disolved, we have a building of God, eternal in the heavens;" and in the fourth chapter of the same epistle, and seventeenth verse, he says: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment [life in this world is but a moment when compared with eternity], worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." In the face of these assurances why should not the Christian be exultant and joyful in the presence of death.

If now we turn to Revelation 7:9-17 we read: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands: and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Other passages might be quoted, but these are sufficient. They explain, in a large measure, the secret of the superior power of the Bible over the hearts and lives of men. The human heart longs for immortality. The fact that it is revealed in the Gospel gives the teachings of Christ a special interest.

And right here is a pointer for ministers of the Gospel. Had we their ear we would say: Keep prominently before your people the great fact that Jesus Christ gives eternal life to all who accept him as their Saviour. Emphasize this soul-coveted truth. It is welcome news to death-doomed humanity. Preach the glorious truth that the religion of Jesus Christ delivers its possessor completely from the fear and the bondage of sin and death. Tell the people that he who is saved by faith in the Lord Jesus lies down each night and sleeps sweetly, assured that whether he lives or dies he is the Lord's and that as soon as his earthly career is ended he enters into everlasting life and joy at God's right hand. This is what the Bible declares, and it is the truth which the hungry souls of men delight to feast upon.—Telescope.

### The True Aim For The New Year.

A recent number of the 'Atlantic Monthly' contains an interesting sketch of Mazzini, one point in which seems to us very noticeable. The Italian patriot had been for some time greatly discouraged about his country; all looked dark; he was naturally very unhappy.

"But (he says) one morning, I awoke to find my mind tranquil. The first moment of waking had always been one of great wretchedness with me; but now it seemed as though nature smiled a smile of consolation on me. The first thought that came to me was, 'Your sufferings arise from a misconception of life.' I saw that, though the instincts of my heart had rebelled against the false definition of life as a search after happiness, yet I had not completely freed myself from its influence; it had thrown off the baser stamp of material desires, and had centered itself in the affections. I ought to have regarded them as the blessing of God, to be accepted with gratitude, not demanded either as a right or a reward ...I came to myself alone through the influence of a religious thought. From the idea of God, I descended to the conception of progress, and from this to a true conception of life, to faith in a mission and its logical consequence, duty. I bade farewell to all individual hopes for me on earth..... I bless God the Father for what consolations of affection he has vouchsafed to my later years; but, were these denied me, I believe I should still be what I am."

There is a lesson here worthy of very large consideration. We are all prone to make happiness our aim. We make this a marked feature in our religious experience. We sing:

Oh, how happy are they, etc.

This feeling largely inheres in youthful, or, at least, immature Christians. As we grow older, not in year, but in knowledge of God, we learn that there is something better than happiness, it is doing and being and suffering whatever God wills.

It is a mistake to suppose that our religion is in proportion to our happiness, or our happiness in proportion to our religion. In some instances, the most eminent Christians have lived in an exalted condition of happiness; but in other cases, quite otherwise. While we by no means believe that our Lord never smiled, while we believe that he had not a few happy hours, while we remember that he "rejoiced greatly in spirit," yet it seems certain that in his life, as that of his eminent servant Paul, and other great souls, there was much sorrow. Paul's desire that he might have "fellowship with the sufferings" of our Lord was not unmeaning; probably it will be very difficult to "know him and the power of his resurrection" without also knowing "the fellowship of his sufferings."

Always, the highest mountain peaks are most separated from their fellows; and the man who is most exalted in the unselfishness of his aims, in the purity of his saintliness, will be the least understood by men, and will be the most lonely. At the same time, he will not unlikely be peculiarly sensitive to the ingratitude of men, and will be subject to the keenest suffering at seeing men go astray from God to their own ruin.

Not that we are to court suffering, or to kill our delights as the monks sprinkled ashes on their food; but we are to consider that happiness is not our aim. Some one (we do not just now remember who) has said: "The blessing of the Old Testament is prosperity; the blessing of the New Testament is adversity." But adversity is not in itself a blessing. We should rather say: "The blessing of the Old Testament is material prosperity; the blessing of the New Testament is character, or spiritual wealth."

### Why We Fail.

Some time ago an eminent minister, preaching on an important occasion, chose for his text the words of the defeated disciples to their Lord, "Why could we not cast him out?" (Matt. 17; 19) A reporter of the sermon says: "The question constantly recurs. The painter, the business man, the teacher, each and all ask, 'Why could not we do what we see another do?' 'Why could not we cast him out?' In nothing does character come to the surface more quickly than in the reasons men give for their failures. There is no accident. The sparrow does not fall by accident. Diogenes lived in a tub because he liked the tub; and we had better give ourselves not to improving the tub, but to improving the character of Diogenes. Without grasp on God there is no success in any department of the world's work; and with a grasp on God no man can ultimately fail. The answer of Jesus was carried into four different lines: (1) Individual tasks in life. (2) The progress of the churches which we represent. (3) In the promotion of literature and the purification of society. (4) In the development of a wise, intelligent Christian patriotism."

There are limitations in us as Christians only as there are limitations in our faith; for, as Christ says, "All things are possible to them that believe." Faith makes a grasp on power that is infinite. We cannot fail if God is our strength. "I can do all things through Christ Jesus that strengtheneth me," says the great apostle. We fail because we are weak and trust in ourselves. We succeed when we trust in God and do all in his name."

### Helping the Minister.

"One thing helped me very much while I was preaching to-day," said a clergyman.

"What was that?" inquired a friend.

"It was the attention of a little girl, who kept her eyes fixed on me, and seemed to hear and understand every word I said. She was a great help to me."

Think of that, little ones, and when you go to church, fix your eyes on the minister and try to understand what he says, for he is speaking to you as well as to grown-up people. He is telling about the Lord Jesus, who loves the little ones.—Ram's Horn.

### The Lord's Chastening.

God delivers us out of evils by turning them into greater good. He chastens us in the world that we may not be condemned with the world. He turns the tears of sorrow into the pearls of a brighter crown. By weaning us from the transitory, he leads us to the eternal. By emptying us of the world, he fills us with himself. He causes us, in the very fire, to thank him that our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.—Dean Farrar.

A new generation has risen, which knows little of great Archbishop Whately; and the story is brief, so it may be told for the last time. A young aide-de-camp at a great party at the lord lieutenant's approached the prelate, and said, "Does your Grace know what is the difference between an ass and an archbishop?" "No," was the grave answer. Then the youth went on, "An ass has a cross on his back, but an archbishop has a cross on his breast." "Very good," said the archbishop. Now will you tell me what is the difference between a young aide-de-camp, like yourself, and an ass?" "I don't know," said the youth. "Neither do I," said the archbishop, and walked away.

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MISS TINA W.


O father, O mother! be careful as to the impressions you make on your young child's mind and how you make them! Remember, by making them you are forming character and shaping the destiny of an immortal spirit.


### How the Dipper Saved the Farm.

Father was sick and the mortgage on the farm was coming due. I saw in the Christian Advocate where Miss A. M. Fritz of Station A. St. Louis, Mo., would send a sample combination dipper for 18 two cent stamps, and I ordered one. I saw the dipper could be used as a fruit jar filler; a plain dipper; a fine strainer; a funnel; a strainer funnel; a sick room warming pan and a pint measure. These eight different uses make the dipper such a necessary article that I went to work with it and it sells at very near every house. And in four months I paid off the mortgage. I think I can clear as much as $200 a month. If you need work you can do well by giving this a trial. Miss A. M. Fritz, Station A, St. Louis, Mo., will send you a sample for 18 two cent stamps—write at once.

JOHN G. N.


To be misunderstood even by those whom one loves is the cross and bitterness of life. It is the secret of the sad and melancholy smile on the lips of great men which so few understand .....It is what must have oftenes wrung the heart of the Son of man.—Amiel.


### Money! Make it Yourself!

I have never seen anything in the papers about the People's Wind Mill; we call it the People's because the inventor never patented it, but let everybody use it free. Any farmer can make a mill himself, and all the material complete will not cost over $10. It is a splendid mill, will pump the deepest wells, and will last longer than any mill I ever had. Any person can get diagrams and completed rections free, as I did by sending 18 two-cent stamps to pay postage, etc., to Francis Casey, St. Louis, Mo.; he sells pumps also, and when you get your wind mill going would be glad to sell you a pump if you need it. It is certainly useless to pay $50 or $60 for a wind mill when you can make one just as good for $10. I think there could be big money made putting these mills up through the country as everybody would like them.

A READER


The testimony of a man's everyday life may not speak as loud as his testimony in the class-meeting, but it is always far more impressive and convincing—especially if the two do not agree. For example, when his life shows that he is not on as good terms with his family and neighbors as his words would have you believe he is on with the angels, the life testimony knocks the word testimony higher than a kite.


### A Churn That Churns In One Minute.

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Mrs. Brown (in awed whisper), Sh-h! I hear a burglar in the pantry. I believe he is going to steal the cake I cooked to-day. Mr. Brown (sleepily), Poor devil! He may have a family, too.


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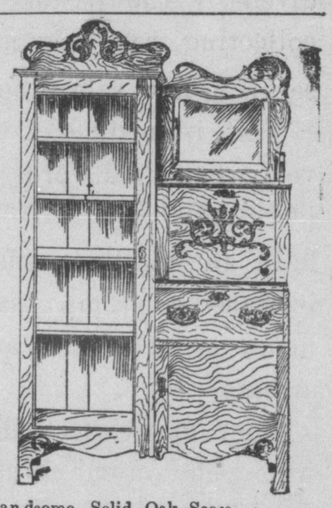
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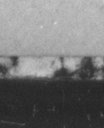
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