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rown class, a usual God had spoken to her since the last Sabbath words of comfort and encouragement. Her prayers had been heard, the Spirit had transformed that thoughtless boy, and he was now at the feet of Jesus. At the school her countenance would not

do, and he must be economical in respect to money, time and strength. If he does this and has it in him he will have great success, for there is no place where possibilities of great success are more than right here.

I don't think the place where the boy is raised has much to do with it. The manner of the boy's rearing often has more. The country boy, as a rule, has had the advantages of having been made to work. He is usually a poor boy, and his nerve and muscle have usually been developed by adversity. This may be the case with the city boy, but in many instances his early life has been too easy. His parents have pampered him. He does not know the value of a dollar until he learns it by experience after he has gone into business, and in his way he starts in behind the horny-handed son of the country. The country boy's life has tended to development of self-reliance in him, and he comes here with the determination to stand alone.

The Children's Own Room.

Every house which shelters children should have, if possible, its children's room. In this room the children should be allowed perfect liberty. There should be an opportunity to do anything, from making mud-pies to painting in water-colors. A deep tray, lined with zinc and filled with sand, will furnish material for the mud pies, and serve to teach them many geography lessons as well. There should be dolls for the boy who likes them, and a kitchen, and all that belongs to it, should be provided for the domestic child. A portion of the room should be left bare, so that roller skates need not be prohibited, here should be chairs and tables to suit the sizes of the different owners of the room, and plenty of them, so that if Jess wants to play tea and Jack wants to draw, and Jenny wants to cut out dolls' clothes, all may be accommodated. A clock or two, some simple apparatus, a desk or a set basin and faucet, and, if sible, a typewriter, will add to the use of the children's room.—Good housekeeping for October.

Put it in a Hollow Place.

A mother in New York was lately engaged in her domestic work, when the dreadful news came, that the police station; your child has been run over by the express-wagon. He hastened to the station, and found her child surrounded by strangers. The surgeon had yet arrived. She was told that wheels passed over his foot, but examination she found no real injury. She said to the little darling, Willie how could the wheel have passed over your foot and not crushed it? He child looked up in his mother's face and said, Mamma, I guess God put it in a hollow place.—Ram's Horn.

will be of special interest to young people to be reminded of Bert Raikes, the founder of Sunday-schools. He was born at Epsom, England in 1736, died in the place of his birth in 1811, at the age of seventy-five years. The biographer Robert Raikes tells us that he was a good mother, who looked to his education and good character and who was honored and loved in widowhood by her son to her death. It is said that at first the memorial of the founder of day schools was a plain marble which was hidden away in the church of St. Mary's de Crypt corner so dark and so near the altar as to be difficult to discern. As twenty-four inches square, being a memorial of his death, in the year 1880, on the Thames embankment, London, a fine statue of Man of Gloucester was erected to commemorate the work of this character. In the city of London a memorial tower was erected in honor of so simple and good a man. But the real, living, ring monument to him is the use army of Sunday-school teachers and the world over every Sabbath learn of Jesus and the way of life.

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—They are building a new church in St. Petersburg, under the title of the Resurrection, and the main door, which is to be entirely of silver, will weigh 900 lbs. It will cost about \$6,000, and is the gift of one of the University professors, says the "Novosti," and it will be named "The Czar's Door."

THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH US.

FREDERICTON N. B., DECEMBER

PRAYER FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Almighty Father, who with untiring love dost watch over Thy children from generation to another: amid all changes of our earthly life Thou dost. Graciously help us to abide in Thee, that evermore we may be steadfast and strong. For the light of Thy love never failed and the grace that Thou left us in the days gone by: for the visions that dispelled our doubts, the hopes that chastened our sorrows, we lift up our hearts to Thee in praise and joy. May the coming days be filled with a high sense of the preciousness of life and the value of time. With the dawning of each new day, shine on us with Thy face. Uplift our hearts by the thought of the joy of our calling in Christ and of the joy that is set before us in His service. May the numberless memories of Thy patient love deliver us from every crooked way, from every evil thought and imagination, that when all the days on earth are done we may be able to stand before the presence of Thy glory without blemish in exceeding joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS

London is twelve miles broad one day and seventeen the other, and every year sees about twenty miles of new streets added to it.

A curious accident occurred recently in a feather bed factory in New York. The feathers got whirling so rapidly that the friction set them on fire.

Italy's Royal crown is the oldest in Europe, dating back to the year 26. It plays no role at the king's coronation, but is used only at the funeral of the sovereign, when it is borne after the sovereign on a purple cushion. Around the interior of the crown is a thin strip of gold, which tradition and popular belief pronounce as one of the nails from the cross on which the Saviour was crucified.

"I think," said A. Bronson Alcott, one of his conversations, "when a man lives on beef, he becomes something like an ox. If he eats mutton, he begins to look sheepish; and, if he feeds on pork, may he not grow swinish?" "That may be," said Dr. Walker of Cambridge, who was one of the listeners. "But, when a man lives on nothing but vegetables, I think he is apt to be pretty small potatoes."

Pro-Brothers are crying out against the awful penalty of five years' disenfranchisement to be inflicted on those subjects of the Queen who have fought against our soldiers in South Africa. Is not such a punishment ridiculously inadequate considering, as a correspondent does well to remind us, that it is only two-and-a-half times the penalty inflicted on an ordinary law-abiding Englishman who has the hardihood to change his place of residence after July in any year?

To a dog's fidelity a six-year-old Pennsylvania boy owes his life. Beginning his day's work in the hills the boy was caught in a storm and lost his way. For two days the child lived on berries. The dog had nothing, but refused to leave his master. Warned and sheltered by the body of the animal the boy slept unharmed. When the storm passed a search party found the dog declined to eat anything until the child offered him food, presumably fearing that if he ate anything of the relief provisions the boy might have to go hungry.

Judge Baldwin, of the Connecticut Supreme Court, has distinguished himself again. This time he lays down the proposition that doctors and nurses have no right to prolong life in cases of persons ill with an incurable disease. As president of the American Bar Association, as well as of the American Social Science Association, Judge Baldwin might be an authority on subjects which he treats, but it is doubtful if he is on the right ground here. About all the diseases that are heir to yield more or less to skillful treatment. We believe it is the late Dr. Holmes who laid down the proposition that if a man wanted to live to a good old age, he should be afflicted early in life with an incurable malady.

"BRETHREN, THE TIME IS SHORT."

[THE CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.]

The history of the nineteenth century will soon be written, and the great book closed and sealed until that day of God, when He who alone is worthy shall loose and open it. Truthfully we can say the century now closing has been the most marvellous and momentous in the history of our race. In political changes, in mechanical inventions, in art and science, and moral and religious progress, in all things that go to make for the betterment of men, the world has seen nothing like it. And, standing in the golden sunset of its closing hours, in truest gratitude and worship we would exclaim, "What great things God hath wrought."

But taking that broad outlook into great world movements and affairs, we see much that calls for grief and sadness, for penitence and a humbling of ourselves in the dust before our Maker and our God. When we see how man's indifference and selfishness and sin have been standing in the way of God's great purposes of mercy and salvation; how we have often turned his blessings of a material kind into instruments of evil, and thrown in his face his gift of love; when we see how far off our world yet is from being redeemed and ransomed and fully saved, we would bow low at his feet and humbly pray, "Thou God of mercy, forgive us and spare us and help us, that we may yet learn to do thy will."

It is a serious thing, to draw near the close of any year. We may treat it lightly at times, and make our joke about turning over the new leaf, but there is a solemnity about it that it is difficult to escape. We may speak of all divisions of time as merely arbitrary, but they are most real to us, nevertheless. And as we stand with the virgin page of the new century spread before us, we must be impressed with the thought that these hours are really hours of decision in the destinies of individuals and churches and nations. Neither nation nor church nor individual can altogether escape from the past. At times we might wish that we could. But God in great mercy does allow us a new beginning in a very real sense, a fresh start for what remains to us of life here below. Indeed, his call is that we might forget the past and bend all our energies to the accomplishment of the best that is possible to us in the future.

So, with gratitude for its blessings and its triumphs, with penitence for its failures and its sins, we would turn from the dying century to the bright dawn of the new, that we know will be so rich in glorious opportunity, and so filled with His grace who crowneth all our life with his goodness, and we would ask, "What will that new century bring to us, and in it what may we do for the glory of God and the good of men?" It will be better, we believe, than any that preceded it. But in what way, and what can we do to make it such? And knowing that, had we not better, in the few days that remain to us, ask God to give us both wisdom and inspiration?

In the years that are to come the world must see more of the Christ-love for men in all the relations and activities of life. We are proud of the fact, which the history of the past year has done much to reveal, and also to intensify, that the thousands of British subjects the world over are bound in a great brotherhood about the throne of Britain's Queen. But Christ came to establish a universal brotherhood, and to unite all men in one family about his cross. How much of that spirit does our Christian nation show in its relation to the other nations of the world? How much of that brotherliness is seen in our commercial and business and social life? In the church itself, how many wear that truest badge of Christ-likeness, an intense and abiding love for the souls of men. What the world and the church and you and we all need most of all, is a revival of Christ-love, a bringing in of the kindness and sympathy and devotion to the interests of others that comes with the full indwelling of the Son of God. It is a truism with most of us that the Gospel of Christ will yet work out the redemption of the world, but it will do so only as it finds a perfect embodiment

in the lives and the labors of those who call themselves Christian. Brethren, the time is too short for indifference and selfishness and jealousies and stife, for there is too much to be done that demands love and devotion and self-sacrifice.

The new century must see, in a stronger, truer light, that mighty object-lesson of a practical and complete consecration to the glory of God and the good of men. A German epigram says, "Socialism's law is, what is mine is mine; Christianity's, what is mine is thine." But the Gospel really teaches that what seems thine is not, and what seems mine is not, that all is God's, and should be used according to his will. In practical living we are only beginning to realize the great truth of Scripture: God's inalienable ownership, and men's undeniable stewardship. When, in the coming years, that great law lays fast hold upon our business and our purses, and transforms and makes new our every thought of life and duty, the new earth will arise in righteousness, and the kingdom of heaven will be really established among men. For the coming of that kingdom we pray; are its laws the rule of our living?

There is needed, too, a revival of the prayer-spirit. Prayer is the starting-point, and the goal of every movement in which are the elements of permanent progress. The secret history of every true spiritual advance would reveal the fact that men have been led to shut themselves in the secret place with God, and pray and plead before him. And the final outcome of each such movement has been that men have learned better to pray. God is everywhere calling his people to new prayer. It is our duty and our privilege to show to the world what may be when men will lay hold upon God in absolute trust and faith.

So, as the old century is slipping from us, we go forth to meet the future nobly; as those whom greater thoughts and greater deeds await beyond. We go without fear, because we take him with us. We go in hope, knowing that if we are obedient, he will by the discipline of the years fit us for the everlasting world where life shall count itself by years no longer.

THE WAY TO FACE LIONS.

REV. BY THEO. L. CUYLER, D. D.

Daniel was one of the model men in the Old Testament; in some respects he is about the best character for young men to study and imitate. In his youth he faced ridicule by refusing to touch the king's wine; in his later life he was not afraid to face the king's lions. There are two or three things about his course in this last matter that young people ought to notice. In the first place, he did not send any apology to the king of Babylon. Apologies for doing a right thing only belittle the act and take off the grace of it. In the second place, he did not brag about what he was going to do. There was no bluster or big talk. When I was a pastor, I used to be rather distrustful of people who, when uniting with the church, made very loud professions and promises. They reminded me of Peter's boastful speech to his Master, "Though all men forsake thee, yet will not I." Daniel neither apologized nor played the braggart. He saw that there was serious business before him; he knew all about the ferocious lions in the royal park, and he had made up his mind to face them when the time came. So he quietly went up to the chamber on the roof of his house; he threw open his lattice, and worshiped God in prayer, "just as he did aforetime." Actions speak louder than words. The old hero went down on his knees three times in the day; busy man as he was, he did not forget to pray; brave man that he was, he did not care how saw him, or how soon his godly conduct was reported to the king. Daniel did not ask God to muzzle the lions; nor was there any intimation given him that if he did his duty there would be any miracle wrought in his behalf. Martyrs, when they make up their minds to suffer for the right, always expect that lions will bite and that fire will burn.

There are two roads for every young person in the journey of life. They cannot take both, and every young man must decide which of them

he will take. The one is a smooth and easy path of connivance and compromise, with no lions to encounter. The other is by the air line of duty as God's Word and conscience reveal duty; whoever treads that path must expect to be battered with ridicule, and often bespattered with misrepresentation and reproach. There are two kinds of church membership. In the one case, Mr "Facings-both-ways" tries to stand with one foot in the church and the other foot over in the world; he is secretly disturbed by both; he has too much profession of religion to suit worldly people, and too little practice of religion to please the people of God. The other type of religion is that one who comes on squarely on Christ's side—not pleasing men, but God, which irritates the heart. This latter sort of Christianity is at a premium in these days, for it is quite too scarce. If courageous Christians encounter opposition, they are, after all, the only ones who win converts to Christ.

Daniel dared to be singular, both when he refused the king's wine cup and when he defied the king's lions. The young man or woman who follows the fashion and runs with the crowd, counts for nothing. When they turn round and face the crowd for conscience's sake, they may encounter hard knocks, or scoffs, but they save their own souls, and are in the right attitude to save the souls of others. Every young man who determines to keep a clean conscience and obey Christ's commandments, will encounter some lions in the course of his experience. In business he must often decide between selling his conscience and selling his goods; he must prefer to be poor rather than put a dirty dollar in his purse.

If facing a duty and standing up for Christ cost dearly, it pays gloriously in the end. Retreat always brings ruin. My friend, never be afraid of but one thing, and that is the frown of God! His smile means heaven; his frown means hell.

A YEAR IN "DARKEST ENGLAND."

GEN. BOOTH'S REPORT.

The annual report of the Social Work of the Salvation Army in England furnishes interesting facts. The funds were effected somewhat by the war, but nevertheless a Lodging-House for factory girls, and a Rescue Home were established at Dundee; a Women's Social Centre was opened at Sheffield; a new Metropole and Lodging House was opened at Bristol for homeless respectable women, a laundry being attached; a new wing was added to Cleeve Villa, Plymouth, and premises have been built as an industrial home for sixty women, here also being a steam laundry; and an excellent property was acquired in Clapton High-road for the extension of the Women's Social Work. The Salvation Army raised £20,000 for Indian famine relief work. The general home work is summed up in a table which contains figures of magnitude. Thus, 2,463,802 cheap meals were supplied and 1,567,562 nights' lodging; 15,427 meetings were held in shelters, £32,745 was paid by the recipients of food and shelter, 3,042 unemployed were received into Salvation Army factories, temporary and permanent employment was found for 9,476, 525 ex-criminals were received into Homes, of whom 182 were restored to friends, found situations, or otherwise satisfactorily disposed of, 1,216 lost persons were found, 2,460 women and girls were received into Rescue Homes, of whom 2,135 were sent to situations, restored to friends, &c., 37,718 families were visited in slums, 45,103 public houses were visited, 251 lodging-house meetings were held, and 1,777 sick people were visited and nursed. Such a record speaks for itself, and should itself commend the General's urgent appeal for £27,000, without which as a minimum the work must be cut down. Various graphic articles in The Deliverer give us inside views of the various branches of this truly Christlike social work.

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