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EDITORIAL.

THE NEW YEAR.

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O New Year, white and pure and fair,
What sunshine holdest thou in store?
What shadows hidden lie in days
Which stretch all unexplored before?

Here at thy threshold, breathing low
A prayer that God will lead and guide,
We enter at the open door,
We cast all care and fear aside.

It may be that the angel Joy
Will walk with swift, light steps beside,
It may be Sorrow's tender hands
Will clasp our own some eventide.

But "God will lead!" this is the star
Whose rays make bright the untried
ways,
This is the promised staff and strong
On which we lean through all the days.

And so with faith and hope and love.
With courage strong and purpose clear,
We smile into thy upturned face,
And give thee welcome true, New Year!
—Selected.

With the coming of 1917 we as a Christian denomination are entering our twenty-ninth year. We unfurled our banner of holiness unto the Lord on Nov. 3rd, 1888, being thrust out of our denominational homes which we loved sincerely, no friendly door was opened to us, except the "Salvation Army," which welcomed us to their services. In one instance the feeling was so strong against us that a heavy chain was placed on the church door to prevent some of our people from worshipping in the building in which they had worshipped for years. That church has long since disappeared so completely that nothing marks the spot. Those who felt they were doing God service in expelling us, and closing

doors against us have passed to their reward. Scriptural holiness was not, is not, nor ever will be popular in this world. Men have tried all kinds of substitutes for holiness; they have prayed for the fruits of the Spirit, and the gifts of the Spirit, but have refused to seek the gift of the Holy Spirit himself. Today many in the great professed church of Christ are crying out for something to satisfy the cry of their souls, but the many physicians are still prescribing substitutes, while the patient (church) is nothing bettered, but rather grows worse." Mark 5-26. More work, more prayer, greater benevolence, all good—but the dissatisfied soul declares its leanness and its spiritual poverty.

But for one to say, I have found and obtained the "pearl of great price," "my soul is satisfied," "Jesus satisfies my longing," "I enjoy the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in my soul," "I have obtained the peace of God which passeth understanding and it keeps my heart and mind through (faith in) Jesus Christ," and like testimonies, are classified as cranks and fanatics. These are the very things people say they want to know and enjoy but comparatively few are willing to come to the place in their Christian experience to enable them to say with the Apostle Paul: "BUT GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, SAVE IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM THE WORLD IS CRUCIFIED UNTO ME, AND I UNTO THE WORLD."

How blessed when we can sing in our hearts,

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time:
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round its head sublime."

"Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there, that knows no measure;
Joys that thro' all time abide."

In reviewing the past there has been "pain and pleasure." We have suffered much in seeing many of our young people drawn away from the path followed by the most godly fathers and mothers, in many instances not a single one of a large family to walk in the way of holiness, and some of maturer years after they have witnessed a good profession have given up the battle or forsaken the standard. Many have been faithful unto death and been crowned in glory. Many have gone to other folds, and their help and influence have been lost in part or entirely to us. These and many other things bring their sorrows, but these are not new, but are repetitions of the history all along the way.

But there have been blessed victories that have brought pleasure and blessing, successes that have revealed a true heart loyalty and faith, and devotion and sacrifice, which has made our hearts rejoice. When we have discovered a real holy unity of hearts in the worship and work of God by our dear people all over the country, and a steady growth in establishing and making permanent the institutions for the propagation of holiness teaching at home and abroad.

And considering the great influences against us, it is really miraculous that we

are enabled by divine power to make progress, for it is only by the blessing of God who causeth us to triumph. So let us take heart, even in this most trying time in the world's history, and encourage and strengthen ourselves in the Lord our God, and say with the Psalmist,

"Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed." "The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world's also is established, that it cannot be moved."

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU.

"New mercies, new blessings, new light
on thy way;

New courage, new hope, and new
strength for each day;

New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of
delight,

New praise in the morning, new songs
for the night;

New wine in thy chalice, new altars to
raise;

New fruits for thy Master, new garments
of praise;

New gifts from His treasure, new smiles
from His Face;

New streams from the fountain of infin-
ite grace;

New stars for thy crown, and new tokens
of love;

New gleams of the glory that waits thee
above;

New light of His countenance full and un-
priced;

All this be the joy of thy new life in
Christ."

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT.

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God,
whereby ye are sealed unto the day of re-
demption."

"You cannot grieve a thing; you cannot
grieve an influence; nothing can be grieved
but that which has a heart, and a will, and
a life—a person."

How softly we should walk in the church
of Christ; how gently we should speak of
and to the children in whom the Holy
Spirit abides. How courteous we should
be to him who dwells in us—lest we grieve
him.

PRESENTATION.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of
a very fine present from our church and
congregation. At the close of a very inter-
esting concert on Christmas night, Brother
James Griffin came to the platform and on
behalf of the church presented us with
half a dozen leather upholstered dining
chairs. We were also remembered by in-
dividuals, receiving among other things, a
flashlight, which is a great convenience.
We have been kindly treated by the people
in this place and much appreciate these
expressions of their kindness. We sin-
cerely pray that we may be a greater bless-
ing to them throughout the present year.

H. C. AND MRS. MULLEN.

North Head, N. B., Jan. 10th, 1917.