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THE NEW YEAR!

A flower unblown; a book unread;
A tree with fruit unharvested;
A path untrod; a house whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes.
A landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade, 'neath silent skies;
A wondrous fountain yet unsealed,
A casket with its gifts concealed.
This is the year* that for you waits
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates.

Oh, may this flower unfold to you
Visions of beauty, sweet and new;
This book on golden pages trace
Your sacred joys and deeds of grace.
May all the fruit of this strange tree
Luscious and rosy-tinted be.
This path through fields of knowledge go,
This house with love's content o'erflow;
This landscape glitter with the dew
Of blessed hopes and friendships true;
This fountain's living crystal cheer,
As fail the streams that once were dear;
This casket with such gems be stored
As shines in lives that love the Lord.

—A Nelson Powers.

God is the Strength of my Heart, and my Portion Forever.—Psalm 73:26.

My heart is resting, O my God, I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source of every precious thing.
Now the frail vessel Thou has made, no hand but Thine shall fill;

For the waters of the earth have failed, and I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life, and here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love, and close at hand it lies.
And a 'new song' is in my mouth to long loved music set—
Glory to Thee for all the grace I have not tasted yet.

I have a heritage of joy that yet I must not see;
But the hand that bled to make it mine is keeping it for me.
A prayer reposing on His truth, who hath made all things mine;
That draws my captive will to Him, and makes it one with Thine.

My heart is resting, O my God, my heart is in Thy care;
I hear the voice of joy and health resounding everywhere.
'Thou art my portion,' saith my soul, ten thousand voices say,
And the music of their glad amen will never die away.

Anna Laetitia Waring, 1820.

TOADSTOOLS VS. MUSHROOMS

The small fungi known by the above names so much resemble each other that toadstools are often taken for mushrooms and eaten with dire effect. Many have been poisoned by them. So it is with false doctrine in regard to salvation. It is made to appear so much like truth, that many persons are deceived by it, to the ruin of their souls, and the loss of eternal life. We are admonished to beware of false teachers that we may not be deceived by them. We cannot be too careful about what we receive in our minds and believe in our hearts. When we hear preachers in these days of modernism, we should search the scriptures, like the Bereans. If the preaching is contrary to the Bible teaching, reject it. As you would not eat spoiled or poisoned food knowingly, so do not imbibe

false doctrine in your mind. Satan comes as a cunning deceiver sowing tares among the wheat, and many have been deceived by his cunning devised fables, insinuations and temptations. We should follow the example of Christ, when Satan came tempting Him, He drew on him the Word, the Sword of the Spirit; he will flee from us as he did from Christ. It is the most effective weapon the Christian can use, and it will cause Satan to retreat. We should always be well armed with Gospel truth, so as to be ready like a good soldier for the attacks of the enemy. He not only comes as a roaring lion to scare folks into his service, but as an angel of light, like the liberals and modernists of the present day to lure and entice us away from the true and living way. He worked his game in Eden to the detriment of our first parents and to the human race.

Mushrooms are healthful and nutritious, but toadstools are poisonous and pernicious. Preachers, teachers and professors who are dispensing human theology instead of Gospel truth, are toadstool preachers, giving people stones instead of bread. As criminals are on the way that leads to jails and penitentiaries, so these moral criminals are in the broad way that leads to perdition. My prayer is that the Lord may deliver us from the evils of false doctrine. We should watch and pray, that we be not deceived.—Exchange.

Meditation is a wonderful thing. Thought and speech are the clothing of our meditation.

Repentance, without amendment is like continually pumping without mending the leak.—Dilwyn.