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## EDITORIALS

### WHAT LIES AHEAD?

"Standing at the portals of the opening year", we cannot but wonder about the future. What does it hold of good or ill? What of fortune or misfortune?

At this point human genius fails us. To the wisest the future is all unknown. If, in the providence of God, we are permitted to begin the year's journey, it would be pure presumption to say that we shall certainly cover all three hundred sixty-six day miles of the course. It may be that our earthly pilgrimage will terminate abruptly at some point between January first and December thirty-first.

But the uncertainties of the to-morrows need not disturb us. We have the assurance of Divine guidance and Divine grace, and that is enough. The Good Shepherd "goeth before". The way is not altogether unknown and untried. He is not behind us, nor even beside us—He is before us. "Each step I take, the Saviour goes before me, And with His loving hand, He leads the way".

There is but one thing that I need know about to-morrow—that it is in His hand. There is but one thing that I need concern myself with as I pass the sign post marked "1960"—that I am following "the Guide that never falters".

I do not ask what May or September may bring to me. I only ask that He order the affairs of my life. I would not delve into the secret counsels of the Almighty to learn whether or not I shall live out all the days of the New Year. My desire is to follow closely in the footsteps of my Lord. If, by grace, I am enabled thus to live, I know that all the days I spend on the earth will be wonderful days, and that if Divine wisdom and love decree that my life span be completed within the calendar year, it will be a bright and blessed climax.

What lies ahead? I do not know, And I do not care to know. I am content in the assurance that my Saviour and Guide is already on the other side of the veil, locating new areas of beauty and blessing, marking out danger points, flushing out enemies of the soul. And over His shoulder He speaks the word of gracious invitation and

promise: "Follow me . . . and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end . . .".

"So on I go, not knowing,

I would not, if I might;

I would rather walk in the dark with God,

Than walk alone in the light.

I would rather walk with Him by faith,

Than walk alone by sight."

—Mary Gardner Brainard.

### "REVELATION AWAITING CAPACITY"

This is the classic title that great preacher John Henry Jowett gave to a sermon on the text: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now", John 16:12.

Perhaps it is poor literary strategy to mingle the beautiful language of the eloquent Dr. Jowett with my clumsy efforts in rhetoric, but I venture to do so. The finery of the great preacher's expressions may make the shabbiness of my own more apparent, but such a contrast may have its virtues.

Referring to that wonderful section of Scripture, the Gospel of John, chapters fourteen to seventeen, Dr. Jewett wrote: "If one may make comparison among things, all of which are superlative, one would say that when we enter these chapters we are in precincts peculiarly venerable and awe-inspiring. In this place things are being said of unutterable tenderness and unutterable grandeur. Their range takes away one's breath. On the one hand they touch human life, with all its frailties, as gently as the wings of a bee touch the stamens of a flower; and on the other hand they lay hold on divine and eternal prerogatives with the majestic air of a King entering the capital city of his dominions. Christ lays one hand on human necessity, and its touch is as exquisite as the touch of a nurse; and with the other hand He quietly grasps the sceptre of the universe, and He claims the glory of God".

The words of Jesus underline two things that are particularly significant at the beginning of a New Year, viz.: The fact of our limitations, and the possibility of development. We do not know, but we may learn. We have not "arrived", but we may make steady progress toward the goal.

We never graduate from the school of experience. The training period for the growing soul is from the cradle to the grave. There are always new discoveries to be made, new techniques to be learned.

The Lord is patient, but hopeful, He is not going to "say" what we cannot "bear". He is loving and kind when we are naive and awkward. But He is also eager that we seek an enlarged capacity and pleased when we show signs of development.

In God's order spiritual life is perpetually progressive and increasingly rich. With the passing of time faith should be stronger, love deeper, faith brighter. The opening of a New Year means the unfolding of new opportunities. If we improve these opportunities, God will give us others, ever new and always greater. And so we shall go "from strength to strength, and from glory to glory!"

### A NEW HIGHWAY FEATURE

During the months ahead we will be publishing articles and excerpts from some of the great writings of holiness preachers and teachers of other days. John Wesley, John Fletcher, Asbury Lowrey, Daniel Steele, Jesse Peck, J. A. Wood, and S. L. Brengle will be among the contributors. We will also give the names of the books from which articles are taken so that those who do not have them in their libraries will be able to order them, if they so desire.