

Facts, Fables and Fancies

IDA INGOLD MASTEN.

Written for the Courier.

The New Year's Outlook.

I am looking out from the watch-tower of the passing year over the peaceful expanse of 1907. The sight that meets my eyes is enchanting. In the twilight of dawn all seems beautiful with the soft blending of pastel coloring. I strain my eyes to discriminate the objects, but the haze and mist of the future will not allow me to see what the New Year holds for me.

I listen with my ears of faith to the soft lapping of water upon land; to the glad notes of the birds of dawn, and I hear the soft singing of a morning zephyr above and beyond. Is the spirit of the New Year out there? A voice away in the dim distance answers, "Aye." But my ears of faith cannot reveal it to me.

Looking Into The Past.

I turn my eyes backward, and what do I see? No pastel coloring, not much beauty. All gray, somber, hued waste. The denseness of coming night is over it. I strain my eyes once more to see, but no—, I do not desire to review the scenes of the past. Some of them are good, some beautiful, but there is also much that is not good and would not bring pleasure to meditate upon. I will let the "dead past bury its dead."

But sounds come up from out of the old year unbidden, unasked. I cannot choose but hear them, and they make me impatient to leave my watch-tower and go forth to meet the unknown and untried. It is true that I hear some notes that are sweet and tender, some that are worthy and sincere, but with all that much is discordant and out of tune. So that it is a mere jargon of sounds issuing from the past.

Hear The Theme Note.

But as I stand thus in my watch-tower endeavoring to catch a glimpse of the future, but being compelled to review the past in spite of myself, I take to considering what good has come out of life for me in the past. What have I been able to transmit to others, was I sunlight or shadow? As I silently consider this; suddenly floating out from the confusing sounds and soaring above all, late-like and clear, I hear a silvery note. It rises and falls, sometimes tremulous and minor, sometimes pure and joyous, and then losing itself entirely amid the thundering of non-musical sounds. But, as I listen, it springs up again where I had least expected it and soars on high until it is like the theme of a grand symphony. And now I know that the old year has not been lived in vain. That the darkness and discord have not been darkness and discord alone. They have served as a background for the leading note which was the theme and tone of my life. That along the course of this sweet theme the force of my soul has spent itself in the great thundering symphony of life. Now, I am straining my ears to hear the grand finale which will end up the old year's symphony.

Am I In Tune?

What am I going to do with the New Year? I expect to improvise my life symphony better, sweeter, more powerful, more useful. By it I hope to be able to transmit more of what is good to others. I expect to play better upon the stage of life this year than last. I expect there will be less discord and a sweeter, clearer theme. I shall not court trouble and shall strive to keep free from sadness; and yet minor music is the sweetest, what symphony would be perfect without it? Therefore I shall resolve to try to be patient if sorrow comes.

To play well I must be in tune. The tune of my mind and my heart will have everything to do with the year's work. If it is a self-satisfied mind, and full of self-conceit my theme will all be of self and will not be interesting. If I am out of tune altogether there will be no music at all, no theme, nothing accomplished. But, if I listen with the ear of my soul until I catch the pitch of the great infinitude and then tune my mind and heart to strike its chord, I have already solved the secret of the power and

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Value The Present.

The year 1906 is gone from us forever. Its opportunities have taken their flight upon the wings of time. We cannot recall them. Let us redeem all past mistakes by resolving to better the future. Oh, that we might value the present at its real worth! That we might think our best thoughts about our friends while they live. That we might sing our sweetest songs, wear our brightest smiles, live our best today; live as we intend to live after awhile. That we might open our eyes and see the beauty we expect to see by and by. For this is life. Today is a page in every person's life-book. About the middle it may be, or toward the end. Or, if haply it may be in its first chapters, blessed are you if you but realize that today is your privilege.

Power Spends Itself.

Those of us who have life's bloom and harvest before us have a right to expect a fuller and rozier effulgence after awhile, as the noon-tide exceeds the morning in glory. But there is a condition: that we live our very best now, that we spend ourselves while we have the light of morning. That no effort, no sweetness, no capacity be reserved for a fairer or more worthy hour. But that we put forth our best efforts at all times to do in the best way possible our daily task, spending upon it the best there is in us as if no other day were coming with no greater task to perform. The necessity of such a condition is shown by the fact that human capability accumulates strength by spending itself. Just as the physical muscles become powerful by use; not by meagre, economizing use; but by tireless, straining exertion of their best powers every day, not once in awhile as the mood calls for it.

Unused Talents Shriveled.

Those who keep back the smiles and tears today because they think there will be a better time by and by to cultivate their emotions; those who refrain from singing their most musical songs because some day they expect to sing to an audience of princes; those who withhold their freshest, most fragrant flowers because they find none better than a beggar to bestow them upon, will find in the day of their desire that their flowers have withered, the well-springs of their emotions have dried up, and their voices will croak in their throats, unable to utter a sound.

A fervent Conclusion.

Oh, to live the best there is in us today, and then to live better tomorrow because we have lived today! To stand with squared shoulders and firm-set mouth, with an eye that looks out and beyond to the great infinitude, an ear that listens to the music of invisible realms, and thus to meet the New Year.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON I, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JAN. 6.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. 1, 1-25—Memory Verses, 1-3—Golden Text, Gen. 1, 1—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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We are now to have a whole year in what is called the Old Testament, the Scriptures which Jesus so loved and which He was always quoting and opening up and heartily endorsing. We are to spend nine months in the books of Moses and the last quarter in Joshua to Samuel. We will do well to bear in mind that all Scripture concerns Himself, all was written by the Spirit of God, and all things written in the law of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms concerning Him must be fulfilled (Luke xxiv, 27, 44). There is nothing within our reach so much to be prized as the knowledge of God (Jer. ix, 23, 24), and Dr. Andrew Murray says concerning the Bible, "The central thought of this book is God; its one object is to reveal God, and in reading it our chief desire should be to know God." The book as a whole is the story of this earth on which we live and the purpose of God concerning it. The first two chapters of Genesis and the last two of Revelation tell us of the earth as it was and as it will be again, without any sin or sorrow or devil or curse. Between Gen. iii and Rev. xx it is, as Dr. Weston says, the story of the conflict between Christ and the devil for man and his inheritance, the earth.

The opening sentence of our lesson is a dateless statement telling us in a few mighty words how heaven and earth came into existence. Literally it is "the heavens and the earth." That God the Father created all things by and for Jesus Christ is seen in John 1, 1-3; Col. 1, 16, 17. That all was done by His word and spoken into existence out of nothing is seen in Ps. xxxiii, 6, 9; Heb. xi, 3. Some of the comfort that comes to a child of God from these facts may be seen in Isa. xl, 26-31; Jer. xxxiii, 17; Acts iv, 24-31.

That the earth was not created without form and void we learn from Isa. xiv, 18. It is more plain in the Revised Version by comparing verse 2 with that passage. The two words translated "without form and void" are found in combination only in two other places (Isa. xxxiv, 11; Jer. iv, 23), and in each they refer to the result of a catastrophe. The inference from this record in Genesis is that in the far distant past, "the beginning," God made the heavens and the earth good, as He always makes all things, but that something happened which resulted in the confusion and emptiness of verse 2. The six days' work of our lesson is therefore not the record of the creation, but of a restoration, for it is nowhere written that in six days the Lord created the heaven and the earth, but it is written that "in six days the Lord made heaven and earth" (Ex. xx, 11). See the two words in Gen. 1, 3. The beautiful part of it is that all was done by the Spirit of God and the word of God, no one and no thing hindering. Note in verse 2, "The Spirit of God moved or brooded;" then notice the ten times "And God said." Notice also the other verbs, saw, divided, called, made, created, blessed, ended, rest-

ed, finished, sanctified, given, in this section ending with chapter 11, 3. Note the sentences, "God saw that it was good," and "It was so," each used seven times, and also the twice seven times use of the word "let." It is certainly a magnificent picture of God working unhindered and accomplishing His good pleasure, the result being a perfect earth without sin or suffering or curse of any kind and, as we shall see in our next lesson, man in the image of God in communion with God, having dominion over all things. Thus the Bible begins, and thus it ends, and if we are in Him who is both the beginning and the end, the first and the last (Rev. i, 8, 11, 17), we shall share the Kingdom with Him when He shall have subdued all things unto Himself. I do not know any other way to take this record than just as it reads, the work of each day in its day, and thus accepting it, adore and praise Him who did it all.

But while it is a record of earth's restoration it is also suggestive of the birth of a soul and the development of life in that soul. The condition of every unsaved person is described by the words "without form and void" or "confusion and emptiness," and truly in such all is darkness. But God speaks, and the Spirit works, the light shines in, and there is the work of regeneration. The Spirit uses this illustration when He says, "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. iv, 6). Then, being redeemed, there is a division between light and darkness, and we become children of the day (I Thess. v, 5). We then begin to learn the difference between waters above and waters beneath, as in John iv, 13, 14. Next we come to the third day, or resurrection experience of fruitfulness, suggested by the dry land coming up out of the sea and soon covered with grass, herbs and trees. So each day has its analogy in the Christian's experience, and those who have anointed eyes will see, but all is accomplished by the Spirit and the word. Note the "abundantly" and the blessing and the fruitfulness of the fifth day and remember John x, 10; xv, 8; II Pet. 1, 11, and so let God work that He may get abundance of glory through us.

It is the same person who did all this of whom we read in Rev. xxi, 5, that He shall yet say, "Behold, I make all things new." If we yield fully to Him He will now make us new creatures to His glory.

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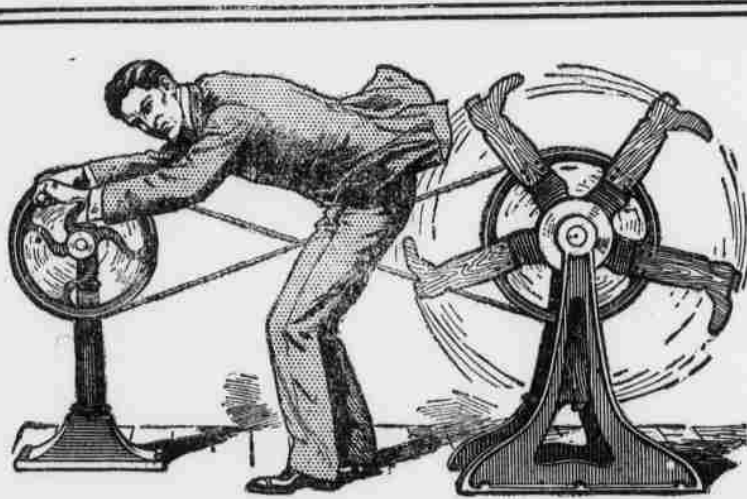
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