

THE HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

Pleasant Evening Reveries.—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

CRUDE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORIAL PEN

"The year lies white in the distance,
Like snow that no step has marred,
And we look at its shining surface
As though through a window barred,
And we wonder what idle footsteps
Shall trample the fallen snow,
Just as we watched and wondered
A year ago.
"Since then so many footsteps
Have fallen and stumbled past,
That the white perfection of promise
Grew scattered and dark at last;
But the new drifts lie on the pathway
To cover the blackened snow,
And the New Year comes in its beauty,
As it came a year ago."

NEW YEAR REVERIES.

If you find it so difficult to keep your New Year's resolutions, perhaps it would be a good idea to make a few bad ones this time, for a chance. For instance, you might resolve to be cross to your wife (if you have one) every day during the year, and then give her gentle words and loving kisses instead. You can thus be consistent with your past record, and possibly be a better man when another year rolls around.

A new year is here. It is a time for invoice. Business men take an invoice of their stock. Wouldn't it be business for you to take one of yourself. Life, each life, is a business. Have you gained or lost last year? Have you used the talents that have been given you so as to gain other talents. Is there any prospect of your being placed over ten cities or five cities or one city? Have you declared any dividends in the way of loving and helping others, and have you added anything to the capital stock of your character? These are pertinent questions that press us all for an answer. Let the result of the self invoice be a spur to us in living the coming year, or a cause for great congratulations as we review the past and go forth to build "more stately mansions" for the future.

Though times and seasons are not as important as many would have us think, still nearly every thoughtful person at the coming new year remembers how old he is and wishes he were not quite so old. Let us turn our minds away from the tabernacle of flesh, the least real thing in our lives, and think a little of the inward growing old. For the body every added growth is almost incalculable gain. How old are we? How much older than a year, two years, ten years ago? How much quicker to recognize the divine voice? How much stronger our hand and clearer our voice against evil? How much swifter our feet to bear the message of good will to men? How much gain has there been in power and willingness to serve? How much more faithful are we in the chaos of small and common duties and cares? How much truer are we in friendship, warmer in the home loves, more patient with the mistaken and the bad?

The pessimist delights in derision of the good resolutions which mark the celebration of New Year in the minds of many people. Shame upon the man or woman who would dull the bright ambitions and desires for the better of any human being! But there is little time to give to habitual mourners and augurs of evil. The new year will be what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned, and the man or woman who resolves to be happy in a healthful, unselfish way, is taking the first road toward happiness.

We are all after happiness, in one

way or another. Even the recluse, even the martyrs of old, were on the endless search for happiness, though the joy of heaven rather than that of earth was the goal fixed upon in the eyes of those who sacrificed the present for the future. Eternal happiness was what they desired. Unselfish happiness is always waiting right around the corner if we will only take our eyes off the far distance and look nearer home. The resolve to make next year a happy one for those nearest us will bring a good deal of real joy and satisfaction to the maker of the resolution, if he holds out well.

The first of January is the initial day of the year, and as such is honored by a multitude of observances, chief among which are the New Year calling customs, the interchange of gifts, the cordial greeting, "A Happy New Year," and the demonstrations attendant upon the contemplative habit of seeing the old year out and the new year in. There are two great reasons why the time should be, if not cheerful, at least tranquil. If the old year has brought sorrow and desolations, and hung crape on our doors, the new year will bring us the leaves of healing, and we are glad to part with the one and welcome the other. If, on the contrary, the old year has brought us only joy and comfort, we part from him sorrowfully, but meet his successor with the ardent hope that he, too, comes with blessing. The sober jollity of New Year's day is always of an impressive nature. It is like standing for one brief moment on the threshold between time and eternity. Here is the world we know—yonder the world that is new and untired.

Another year is drawing to a close. Another milestone of life is in view and we shall, in all human probability, pass it and struggle on to the next. As we sit at our desk and pen this short epistle to the young, we wonder if anything we may write will cause them to think more seriously of what all life means to them and the brief period that is given them to improve it. The boy makes the man, the girl the woman. My boy, how do you want to be remembered by the people after you are gone, as a Lincoln or as a Booth? My girl, what position do you wish to occupy in the hearts of the people with whom you have lived? You are the moulders of your own destinies. You can make them what you will. It rests with you whether your name shall go down in the history honored or cursed, or whether it shall pass into oblivion as soon as the earth has hidden your mortal remains. Now is the time to choose. There are only two roads to travel; one leads to happiness and honor, the other to sorrow or degradation. We suppose you want to travel the first mentioned. Are you doing it? As the apprentice works at his task and each succeeding day turns out work more perfect than on the preceding one, so should we make each succeeding year of our lives more perfect. Are we doing this? Do we take time during the hurry and bustle of the holiday season to review our work of the year and see where in we have made mistakes, jotting them down in our memory as to be avoided in the future? That boy would never have become a perfect workman if he did not avoid the mistakes of yesterday. We must never make the same mistake twice, and in order to guard against doing so, we must look back and find the mistakes we have made. Will you do this, boys and girls? Will you rest from your play and jollity for just a little season between now and the end of January, and recall those indiscreet words, those

hasty actions that will prove stumbling blocks in the way of our becoming strong, helpful men and women, honored and loved by all for your noble character? Will you do it?

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