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THE NEW YEAR.

Ab, not in heaven, but upon earth, Are signs of change express: The closing year has left its mark On human brow and breast.

The wheel of Time has again performed its revolution, and we have been permitted to witness the completion of another year. To many, the commencement of the new year is the occasion for forming plans for their material and moral improvement; intentions, which in some instances may be realized, and in many instances may fail for lack of resolution on their part.

Time is an unerring recorder of our intentions, as actions are of our thoughts; that they may be good is our sincere wish to our readers upon the outset of the new year.

We would here give expression to some thoughts that this occasion suggests to our mind; and, first, as to the duty of every one to so form his intentions and order his life as to effectuate some good end.

It is the duty of every one to take some active part as an actor on the stage of life. Some seem to think they can vegetate, as it were, without being anything in particular. Man was not made to rust out his life. It is expected he should "act well his part."

The instances are but too numerous of those who envy the lot of the expected few possessed of rank, talents or wealth, under the mistaken idea that the life of such is one of daily uninterrupted luxury and ease—a sort of passive existence or hot-house vegetating upon a bed of roses.

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Everything around us is a lesson that tells us not to despise small beginnings; for they are the lower rounds of a ladder that reaches to great results, and we must step upon these before we can ascend higher.

This was his dinners; his breakfast consisted of a single dish of tea, without milk or sugar.

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who are, in respect to the way in which they do things, a law unto themselves. Most people, to accomplish anything, need to be constantly industrious; and for them, it is wiser never to have 'fifteen minutes to spare,' and always to have some little matter to which they can turn their hand."

A certain mathematician is said to have composed an elaborate work, when visiting with his wife, during the interval of time between the moment when she first started to take leave of their friends, and the moment she had fairly finished her last words. So, too, we have somewhere read of an English nobleman who, a few years ago, had completed a book to which he had devoted the interval of time between the moment when dinner was announced, and the moment his lady was seated at the table.

The author from whom we have already quoted remarks: "No excuse is more common for ignorance, than a want of time to learn; and no excuse is more frequently false. It is not always false. Unconsciously one may get engrossed in business and entangled with engagements, so that he can not well release himself. But it is bad to do this; and against it one should be on his guard. In most cases, however, such entire occupation of time is not the fact, it is only imagined to be the fact."

Everybody, every day, wastes moments, if not hours, which might be devoted to useful ends. "Where there is a will, there is always a way," says the proverb. A systematic arrangement of business, habits of rigid punctuality, and a determination to gather up the fragments, will enable a man to make wonderful additions to his stock of knowledge.

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We are now acting a part in life's drama, the roles of which will, sooner or later, be filled by others; though the sun and earth, guided by creation's rule, will continue to measure time—though the clustered stars that mark the north will maintain their rightly appointed places in the spots they now illumine—though the pale moon will continuously shine on as on other nights.

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Franklin had but little early education; yet look, at what he became, and how he is now revered. Ferguson, feeding his sheep on the hills of Scotland, picked up merely the rudiments of learning, but subsequently rose to be one of the first astronomers in Europe. Herschel, also, the great astronomer, was in his youth, a drummer-boy to a marching regiment and received but little more than a drummer-boy's education, but his name is now associated with the brightest discoveries of science, and is borne by the planet which his zeal discovered.

A man can scarcely be too avaricious in the acquisition of knowledge; he should hoard up his intellectual gains with the utmost assiduity and diligence; but, unlike the lucre seeking miser, must put out his knowledge of usury, and by lending out his stock to others, increase by this commerce of thought his capital, until his one talent shall have been five, and his five have gained their other five.

The fame which springs on a sudden, like a mushroom plant, is seldom lasting. Truth, fame, and honor, are of slow but generally sure growth, ascending by degrees from the lower offices to the higher stations—from the regard of a few to the applause of a nation.

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The Old Whine.

It will surprise no one to hear that "the general feeling among Republican circles in the national capital touching the angry passage between Senators Gordon and Conkling is one of exultant hope that it may result in some event which will give the jackals of the party a chance to stir the dying embers of sectionalism."

The sensation of the week has been the difficulty between Senators Gordon and Conkling in the Executive session on Friday the 15th, an account of which can be found in another column. From a timely editorial commenting on this difficulty published in the Raleigh Observer, we extract the following:

Senator Conkling, like Senator Blaine belongs to the ultra school of the Radical party, and they both base their hopes of future preferment upon their success in fomenting discord between the people of the North. To this end these Senators, having no fear of personal chastisement, or sense of personal accountability, seek public occasion to air their insolence and impertinence to Southern Congressmen.

The Inter-Ocean is faddled. Indeed, all the propagators of perpetual hate have convenient memories. They forget the rumpus between Butler and Bingham; the dispute between Washburne and Donnelly; the serimung-be between Blaine and Conkling; the affair between Julian and Wadsworth. They forget the low-bred Boutwell and the blackguard Chandler.

It would be difficult to find a more quiet, a more peaceably-disposed citizen than Gen. Gordon, of Georgia. By nature an unassuming man, he has been a life-long member of a religious society, doing, if we mistake not, ministerial duty at one time. He is essentially a conciliatory, compromising disposition.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

STATE NEWS. Corn is said to be worth only \$1.50 per barrel in one part of Caswell county. A lady in Salem had one of her fingers cut off recently while grinding sausage meat.

Even the negroes in South Carolina are celebrating Gen. Butler's admission to his seat in the Senate. One Isaac Green, recently divorced in Colorado, returned to North Carolina, went to see a widow, and married her two days after the first meeting.

Mr. Jehu Simmons, one of the oldest and most worthy citizens of Surry county, died at his residence, near Hollow Springs, on Thursday night last, at the advanced age of 104 years.

Goldsboro Messenger: A buzzard with a bell on his neck has been hovering over this town the past week, and the bell was distinctly seen and heard by several of our citizens.

A subscriber to the Robesonian told us last week that when he first commenced taking the paper, his wife could not read a word. He has been taking it 13 months only, and now he says, she can read everything in it.

Mr. John Shute, of Monroe, killed that large hog of his on last Tuesday. Its gross weight was 933 1/2 pounds; after being cleaned it weighed 560 pounds.

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Sitting Bull has taken up his hatchet and scalping knife again and crossed the line from Canada, where he has been recruiting for some time, with a strong band of Sioux and Nez Perces.

Shreveport (La.) Times: A malady among hogs has, the past few weeks, been prevailing in this parish, and is almost as fatal to them as the freedom are. It effects the head, has the appearance of quincy, and kills in a surprisingly short time.

The Russian losses in the battle preceding the fall of Plevna are reported at 10 officers and 182 men killed, and 45 officers and 1,207 men wounded.

The prisoners include 10 Pashas, 128 staff officers, 2,000 officers, 30,000 infantry, and 1,200 cavalry. Seventy-seven cannon were taken.

It is reported that Karl Schurz will resign his place in the cabinet. A New York journal says Senator Patterson, of South Carolina, "sold his soul for nothing."

Ex Governor Bullock has returned to Atlanta, where he will be tried this week for "cheating and swindling" while ruling over the Empire State.

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