

A New Year? Thank God we may enter upon it through Christ Jesus in newness of life. As the old year passes away it is for the believer sprinkled with the Blood of cleansing, and its sins and its iniquities are remembered no more. We may rise on the first morning of the New Year breathing Resurrection Air. There is a Death between us and the Past, and that the Death of the cross. We are on the deathless side of an empty Tomb. The life-giving spirit quickens us even here with the power of Christ's Resurrection. We are still in the midst of the conflict. Death is shadowing us and ours. But in the midst of death we are in life, and heaven's calm is ours already in Christ Jesus.

"Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the Throne."

G. OSBORNE TROOP.

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HODIE MIHI, CRAS TIBI.

Let us therefore:

Buy up the opportunity To-day. (Eph. v. 16.)

Be not anxious for To-morrow. (Matt. vi. 34.)

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THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE.—The authority of the Bible is derived (1) from its own internal testimony, and (2) from external collateral proofs, such as the existence of the Christian religion in the world, the fulfilment of prophecy, and the moral and religious effects produced upon individuals who have accepted it as their rule of faith and practice.

To prove the authority of the Bible from itself is not a "petitio principii." It would be a begging of the question at issue if the authority of the Bible were assumed in order to prove its credibility, but to prove the authority of the Bible from itself is of the same nature as to prove the Divinity of Christ from His own Word and Works.

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