

## Cleaning Off the Slate



## The New Year

THE year that has just closed means something different to most everybody. To some it has brought a great joy; to others a great sorrow; to many, both grief and gladness in full measure. Many of us have gone along the regular, uneventful path, filled with the happiness of love and work and the joy of everyday things, which, after all, is the best happiness.

To youth the New Year means a long, pleasure-filled evening and the writing of a new date on their letters. They look neither forward nor back. They make resolutions because it seems the correct thing to them to do. They keep them sometimes and it helps make them better men and women, but it is not a serious matter with them—just as it is natural for youth.

Older folks involuntarily look back a bit on the even of a new year—not systematically, but with a general sweeping glance that usually makes them a bit uncomfortable at things left undone or failures to make good as they had intended. Maybe there has been just one thing accomplished that gives them a little warm feeling round their hearts—maybe not. The great sorrow or great joy stands out with more meaning to them than to youth. 'Tis another milestone passed.

The New Year may not present very bright prospects to some, but these same older folks know that there is something better in store than what the immediate future seems to offer—know that unhappy things can't last—that they are pretty sure to lead to something greater and better—know that even if they can't understand the reason for sorrow and trouble that there is a reason—know it deep down within themselves, though outwardly they resent and rebel against fate. It is not blind faith or optimism that teaches this, but reason and knowledge of life.

Older folks know that the year is bound to bring happiness and relief to those who are now bearing sorrow and trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Leslie, in the Detroit News.

## BLACK NEW YEAR PUDDING

Ingredients: One cupful black molasses; one cupful thick sour milk; one dessertspoonful soda; beat well. Add one teaspoonful salt; one grated nutmeg; one-eighth pound citron, chopped fine; one-fourth pound suet, chopped fine; four dry figs, chopped fine; one dozen almonds, minced fine; one cupful seeded raisins; three raw tart apples, chopped coarsely; three cupfuls flour. Mix all together, steam in a buttered mold for three hours and dry for 15 minutes in an oven. Serve with any good pudding sauce. This will serve 15 persons.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: To save my money  
And lead a frugal life.  
Resolved: To do my duty  
And still abstain from strife.  
Resolved: To give up smoking  
And never touch a drop.  
Resolved: To heed the speed laws  
And never offend a cop.  
Resolved: To quit complaining  
And smile whenever I can.  
Resolved: To cease from knocking  
And praise my fellow man.  
Resolved—but what's the use of  
My plunging in so deep?  
I've made more resolutions  
Than any man could keep.

## CENTER PIECE HINT.

To launder heavy embroidered round or oval center pieces, wash and starch quite stiff. While wet, divide into fourths or eighths, place paper on rug and pin to floor, as you would stretch curtains on a stretcher. When dry remove pins, and you will have a center done up beautifully, without any ironing.

## New Year's in Egypt

IF A group of people were shipwrecked or otherwise cast upon their own resources and were to lose track of the date they would have no easy means of finding it again. Our year is an artificial one, and so must be made by careful study in well equipped observatories. Without precise instruments it would be difficult to fix the day when the new year begins.

The ancient Egyptians experienced no such difficulty. Their year, from which ours is derived, had a perfectly natural beginning. It always commenced on the day when Sirius and the sun rose together.

The temples of Egypt were really observatories, built to face this or that star as it rose. They were more or less elaborate, but all had as their fundamental plan a long narrow passage down which the star's rays came, and a dark chamber at the far end where the priest made the observation and where the image was kept.

The beginning of the new year was an important event. We can picture the scene as the priests, followed by the scribes, lawyers, merchants, and the curious crowd, wind their way up to the temple in the first streaks of dawn, and take their appointed places. As daylight comes on the interest of everyone is centered on two groups.

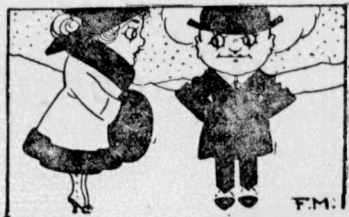
The priests on the roof are straining their eyes for the first glimpse of the coming sun, while those down in the dark chamber are watching for Sirius. Soldiers are stationed around the temple to keep the crowd silent and to prevent stragglers from crossing the path of the star's rays in front of the temple door at the critical moment.

A shout bursts from those on the roof as the sun tops the horizon. The observers below watch their water clocks carefully now as the minutes are told off, and strain their eyes at the narrow opening where Sirius is to shine. In a few moments Sirius itself flashes into view, and the new year has begun.

The Egyptians discovered that the year has an extra quarter of a day in it. They did it by noting that on some years Sirius and the sun rose almost together, while on others there was an appreciable difference in time, and that these changes repeated themselves every five years. They found the length of the year to within 11 minutes of its true value, which was a remarkable thing to do with the primitive appliances they had at hand.

## NEW YEAR'S THEN AND NOW.

As long as people can remember, there have been New Year parties. The old Romans gave theirs in honor of Janus, the two-faced god. One face looked back at the old, spent year, and one face looked forward to the new, fresh year. They gave presents to him and to each other with the hope that the new year would be good to them. Some of the people who lived long ago waited until the end of March to celebrate the New Year, since that was the time that the trees and grass began new life.



## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

"Are you making any good resolutions for New Year's Day?"  
"No, I haven't had time to break all my last New Year's ones yet."

## A GOOD RESOLUTION.

A good resolution is the offspring of remorse and regret, who were wedded by experience.

## THE LIVES OF A MILLION WOMEN WASTED !!!

ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

HOW SHALL YOU

RETAIN THE LOVE

OF YOUR HUSBAND?

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT EVERY MARRIED MAN HAS A DOUBLE PERSONALITY? WHY IS YOUR HUSBAND DIFFERENT FROM THE MAN YOU MARRIED? WHAT IS THE REASON? YOU PROBABLY KNOW A DOZEN COUPLES WHO ARE UNHAPPILY MARRIED. WHY?

HOW MUCH DECEPTION SHOULD A WIFE TOLERATE ON THE PART OF HER HUSBAND?



## "THE UNLOVED WIFE"

Compulsory Divorce  
Advocated by  
Prof. Barnes

By International News Service  
BOSTON, Oct. 26.—Compulsory divorce if the husband and wife do not love each other was recommended by Professor Earl Barnes, formerly of Leland Stanford University, speaking here at a State social work conference.

MOST COMPELLING DRAMA  
OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY  
AN ORIGINAL THEME—  
EVERY LINE A SMILE  
OR A TEAR.

REMARKABLE  
STORY MADE INTO  
A REALLY BIG PLAY  
NOT A ... A PLAY THAT  
PICTURE GRIPS AND HOLDS YOU



## Reserve Seats

Balcony - \$1.00

Down Stairs 75c.

Rush Seats - 50c.

Gallery - 25c.

Dan Conrad is bringing to the  
Aylmer Opera House  
For one Night Only

Thursday, January 5th

Reserve Seat plan opens at Richards & Co's. Drug Store on Tuesday morning, January 2nd, at 10 o'clock a. m.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT CORINTH SCHOOL

Most enjoyable closing exercises were held at the Public school on Friday afternoon under the direction of the teachers, Miss Amoss and Miss Dennis, Edgar Duff, Jack Duff, Kenzie Duff, Mack Duff, Charles Ebert, Frank Firby, Will Foster, Johnnie Greenwood, Weston Holtby, Cecil Langfield, Clifford Langfield, Maurice Lindsay, Victor Lindsay, Lynden McPhail, Chester Pearson, James Pearson, Douglas Rabbits, James Rickwood, Norman Rickwood, Donald Stewart, Murray Stewart, Reggie Stewart, Robert Stewart, Frank Stewart, Douglas Travis.

The arrival of Santa Claus was greeted with merriment and appreciation. After a few words of greeting, he, with the assistance of Leonard Dennis, Donald Stewart, Douglas Rabbits and Melvin Lindsay, soon distributed the gifts from the well-laden tree.

School will re-open January 3.

## CORINTH

The children of the Methodist Sunday School their parents and many others, spent a very happy evening, last Friday, at the Annual Xmas Entertainment. The songs, recitations, pantomimes and tableaux, were all exceptionally good and delighted the audience and proved sufficiently attractive to induce Santa Claus to pay a visit in person for the distribution of the many prizes and presents that adorned the tree.

Miss Irene Firby, of London, is spending her holidays with her friend, Dorothy Wallace.

Morley McKenzie, of Toronto, representative of the Ontario Government bank, made his mother, Mrs. A. McKenzie, a short visit Thursday.

R. Eggleton, of Aylmer, is relieving J. Kellum, who is taking his holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Amoss, of Hamilton, are spending their holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Amoss.

Miss Irene Howey, of Stratfordville, is visiting her cousin, Miss D. Wallace.

Miss E. Bellows, of St. Thomas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dance, of Kingsmill called on friends in Corinth, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Forest and family, of Bridgeburg, are spending their holidays with relatives in Corinth.

## MALAHIDE CIRCUIT NOTES

During the winter months the services at the Malahide Circuit will be Copenhagen 10.30 a.m.; Mt. Salem at 2.30 p.m.; Luton 7.30 p.m. commencing next Sunday, January 1st.

A reception and baptismal Service was held at Mt. Salem Church Sunday afternoon. Four united with the church. Three others will be received later.

The Sunday School at Mt. Salem held a missionary and Christmas service combined Sunday last. Interesting and inspiring addresses were given by the superintendent, Mr. C. F. Prong, on Educational Evangelism; by Mr. Leo. Prong, on Japan; Miss

Eula Buck, and Miss Vera Baker, on Christmas and China, respectively. A missionary offering will be taken in the school next Sunday.

Very successful Christmas entertainment were conducted by the Sunday schools of Copenhagen and Luton.

Luton held their entertainment in the church, Thursday evening of last week. The programme throughout was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present. All features of the entertainment were good, especially the cantata and dialogue, "Dr. Cure-A-All." The proceeds were \$37.00.

At Copenhagen, a specialty was the play entitled, "Deacon Dubbs." There as at Luton, the entire programme was very much appreciated by the large crowd which packed the hall to capacity. Mr. E. E. McTaggart, the superintendent, occupied the chair. The amount realized was \$60.00.

The Ladies' Aid of Copenhagen, will hold a 15-cent tea in the Hall, at that place Wednesday evening, January 11th.

The pastor extends the season's greetings to the editor and staff of the Express, and recognizes their kindness and accommodation to him during the past year in their excellent publication. Also he wishes the congregation and adherents, on the Malahide Circuit, a very Happy New Year and thanks for their hearty co-operation in the work, and desires, for other pastors and churches on the territory, God's abundant blessing.

## YARMOUTH CENTRE

Mr. and Mrs. Stettler, from Saskatchewan, are visiting friends here during their honeymoon trip to Montreal.

Rev. Mrs. Bartlett is again able to

be out.

Miss Etta Hunter, of Wallaceburg, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hammond, and family spent Christmas with the latter's uncle, Mr. A. Fowler, near Luton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. McGinnis, spent Xmas, with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Douglas, of St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hobson celebrated the 15th anniversary of their wedding on Monday. About 30 were present.

Then a number of the neighbors gave them a surprise at night. All had a good time.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of James H. Sheppard, late of the Township of Malahide, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the R. S. O., 1914, Chapter, 121, that all persons having claims against the above named James H. Sheppard, who died on or about the 21st day of January, 1919, are required on or before the 10th day of January 1922, to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned administrator, their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims.

Take notice that after such last mentioned date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated at Aylmer this 5th day of December, A. D., 1921.

DANIEL H. CONNOR,  
Administrator, Aylmer, Ontario.  
12-15-22-29-1-5.

## Springfield Bakery

wishes their many friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year and particularly to our many Aylmer patrons who found it to their advantage to go or send to Springfield for their needs. It goes to show the ever growing popularity of our goods. Hoping to be favored in the future as in the past and again we say a Happy New Year

L. O. PURDY

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