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Are Striving For the World's Better-Modern and the Old-Fashiened Methods of New Year's Time-Work For the

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Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.-In this sermon the preacher brings to all, and especially to those who are for the world's betterment, New Year's message of hope and encouragement. The text is Ecclesixi., 4, "He that observeth the

wind shall not sow."

What a change there is in our way
of keeping the holidays from that of
olden times! The old fashioned New
Year's and the old fashioned Thanksgiving
mas, the old fashioned Thanksgiving mas, the old fashioned Thanksgiving Day were as different from their successors as the poke bonnets and hoop-skirts and powdered curls of colonial days were different from the masterpieces of the milliners and dressmakers and hairdressers of modern times. We talk of the triumph of the locomotive and the telegraph in annihilating distance, but I am not sure that they have not done more to separate the members of families. The greating that now comes by wire from a son on the other side of the world in former times was brought by the son himself, who seldom went by the son himself, who seldom went more than a day's coach ride from the old homestead. Then fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, cousins, and grandchildren could all gather under the same roof. Then presents did not have to be done up in packages and sent days ahead across the continents or seas in order to arrive at their destination in time for the annual holidays. But each broual holidays. But each bro the annual holidays. But each bro-ther and sister, each child and par-ent, could deliver their Christmas gifts with a smile and seal their holiday good wishes with a loving

kiss.
Some of us can remember the good old times when New Year's day was a day of hospitality, dedicated to the renewal of old acquaintanceships are almost, fallen into a day of nospitancy, dedicated to the renewal of old acquaintanceships by a custom now almost fallen into desuctude. The good spirit of the new year seemed to say to all fathers and husbands and brothers and sons: "Go forth and find out how many friends you have in the world. Go forth and renew your old acquaintances. Go forth and encourage each home for the coming struggle of the new year." Then wives and mothers and daughters in the early eighties kept open house. Every dining-room was "lied with tempting viands. Everywhere on every street went the men folks calling, "Happy New Year!" Thus in many a troubled home came courage and love and faith in God and man on account of those friendly New Year salutations.

A New Year's greeting is the server the men folks of the server went the men folks the server went the men folks calling. "Happy New Year!" Thus in many a troubled friendly New Year salutations. faith in God and man on account of those friendly New Year's greeting is the sermon of this morning. With the same kindly spirit in which friends used to come to my mother's home and wish her a "Happy New Year" and with Teader reminiscences of the past and cheerful wishes for the future make the day a joyous and hopeful one, I tome to you this New Year Sabbath day. But instead of wishing you a "Happy New Year" in the brusque, happy-go-lucky way in which friend used to salute friend upon the street I am going, as your pastor, to have used to salute friend upon the street I am going, as your pastor, to have a heart to heart talk with you. I am going to have you first tell all your troubles and fears, and then I shall say: "Friend, for the past you have been lookwelve months you have been looking on the dark side of life. You have been indulging too much in gloomy anticipations and anxieties. You do not seem to be willing to enter the battle of 1905 with a brave hard a cheerful countenance. ter the battle of 1905 with a brave heart and a cheerful countenance. What is the matter?" Then you will point out to me all the dark clouds that are hanging upon the edge of your horizon, and you will tell me why this New Year's day is to you a "blue Sunday." Then I shall try, by the help of God, to scatter those dark clouds and change your new year timidities of doubt into new year certainties of gospel hope.

a failure and the world is going to the dogs, would any one want to listen to such sermons? Would any one continue to work for the up-building of the grand old church of

"wny art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?" "First," you answer, "because I have been defeated so often in the struggle of life that my backbone is gone. I have been like a sea captain who has been wrecked again and again until at last he feels that every threatening storm means a foundered ship. I am like a merchant who has been caught in three or four great panics and again and again, through no fault of his own, has had his fortune swept away. He is timid about making a new venture. I am like a mother who has buried four or five of her babics and has only one left. Each time the baby coughs or catches cold or has a fever the mother is almost beside herself with fear lest she might lose her only remaining child. It is well enough for some people with bright eyes to anticipate the joys of a coming year. But as for me. I have had so many misfortunes that I have only half a heart for my struggle which is ahead during the next twelve months."

When the great philosopher wrote the words of my text he was expressing a negative truth. "He that observeth the winds shall not sow," and the converse of that fact is that if a man will only go forth with a brave heart, if he will only plant and sow his seed faithfully and conscientiously, God will give him a large harvest. "To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward." Will you not believe this? Oh, man, will you not believe this? Oh, man, will you not go forth to your coming year's work with a brave and a hopeful spirit for a coming conquest?

But there are some whose apprehensions of coming trial are based on facts of a different kind. "My evouble," says one, "is not due to a lack of faith in God or in my own ability, but in the loyalty of others.

e.ouble," says one, "is not due to a lack of faith in God or in my own lack of faith in God or in my own ability, but in the loyalty of others. The apostolic advice not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers extends further than the marriage relation. I am finding that out in the broader sense of business It also proader sense of business means that those who are unequally yoked together can never pull well as a team. My business associates and I are fretting and worrying and

and I are fretting and worrying and irritating and retarding one another's labors."
Yes, brother, I at once catch the meaning of your Bible simile. Although born in the city, I have spent a great deal of my spare time in the country, and I have witnessed again and again feats of horse team pulling. The farmers have a great deal of pride in their horses. If one farmer can have a perfectly matched team of heavy farm horses. great deal of pride in their horses. If one farmer can have a perfectly matched team of heavy farm horses he always think they can outdraw and outpull all other teams in the country. It is not uncommon at the country fairs to have these trials of strength tested. A great load will be piled upon a sled at the bottom of a hill. Then the team will be hitched up. The farmer will take the reins firmly in his hands and cry, "Get upu" If the horses pull together evhill. Then the team will be hitched up. The farmer will take the reins firmly in his hands and cry, "Get up!" If the horses pull together evenly and steadily in all probability the sled will move over the hard, bare ground as if the runners were slipping over the winter's mow. But if one horse jerks at his traces one moment and then balks when his mate is pulling it is impossible to move the heavy load. The great difficulty with your business and professional life may be that you are not "equally yoked" with your associates. You may have pulled while they are balking, and they may be Not "equally yoked" with your associates. You may have pulled while they are balking, and they may be pulling while you are balking. But did you ever stop to think that perhaps your lack of faith in yourself may be the chief reason why they have no faith in you and why they do not work in harmony with you?

Lack of faith in our own work will kill absolutely any faith others may have in our ultimate success. The old proverb says, "Rats will leave a sinking ship." All our friends and associates will leave us as quick-

The old proverb says, that such a sinking ship." All our friends and associates will leave us as quickly as they can if they once get into their minds that we ourselves feel that we are certainly doomed to failure. A man who is always anticipating failure and taking a gloomy view of the future not only works half-heartedly himself, but depresses his associates. What church would listen to a minister who had no hope of the ultimate triumph of the gospel? If he were to preach week after week sermons the keynote of which was that man is a failure, the church a failure, Christ for the most of us a failure and the world is going to and the world is going to

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Christ, which has had such a mighty influence for good in the present and will have such a mighty influence for good in the present and will have such a mighty influence for good in the future? No, of course you would not. You would say to yourself: "Well, the church is going to smash and the people are going to smash and the people are going to smash and the people are going to smash if guess I will get off the train and let the 'Limited Express of Destruction' go over the open drawbridge as it may."

What you need, O man, at the beginning of this new year is to take a big inventory, not of your misfortunes, but of your blessings. Find out all the bright things you know about your life. Repeat them over and over and over to yourself. Get faith in God and in yourself. Then your associates will get faith in you. By their increased labor you will get faith in them. Then, together with faith in each other and faith in God, you will go forth with renewed zeal for the seed planting and the multitudinous harvest will surely come. Never let your associates know that you have lost faith in yourself.

"Well," says some one else afflicted with New Year's timidities, "I not enly have lost faith in myelf and in my associates, but I have also lost faith in the good deeds which I try te de for the lost and the needy. I am not an angel. I make no pretense of being a perfect man, but I do try

faith in the good deeds which I to de for the lost and the needy. I am not an angel. I make no pretense of being a perfect man, but I do try to do some good in the world. Almost all my good intentions have gone for naught. I can understand the disappointment of men who have made honest but futile attempts to help people, for the more you do for some people the less those people seem to be willing to do for themselves. I do not want to lead a purely selfish life, but I do not intend to be bled for nothing." The desire not to throw away our good works is rational. When we plant seed we certainly want to reap the harvest. What would you think of a farmer who should say to you, "I will not plant a kernel of corn unless I am positively sure that from this kernel will grow a stubble of corn, or a grain of wheat, barley or buckwheat unless from this very seed I shall get my thirty or sixty or a hundredfold."

grain of wheat, barley or buckwheat unless from this very seed I shall get my thirty or sixty or a hundredfold return." Why, you would laugh such a farmer to scorn. You would say to him: "You do not know the first A B C of agriculture. A planter can afford to lose a thousand seeds if he can get a harvest from the remaining seeds he plants." Yet all through life you can find men who estimate their successes and failures not by the glorious returns they receive from a few good seeds well planted in good ground, but by the failure of the good seed which has inadvertently fallen in bad soil.

Why don't you help that young man who has just landed in town and is stranded? I grant that he has been a wayward boy; that his life is not what it ought to be, but in spite of that, why don't you help him? You know you can give him a position if you will. "Oh," you an-

life is not what it ought to be, but in spite of that, why don't you help him? You know you can give him a position if you will. "Oh," you answer, "what is the use? I have tried to be a friend to young men in the past, but I am done now with turning my business house into a Christian mission. I draw the line sharply between business and philanthropy. I do my Christian work in church, but not in the store. I run the latter on business principles. When a young man comes to me for work he has to have good recommendations or I will not employ him. Why, sir, I have befriended four young men in the past! I even went so far as to try to send one of those young men through college because he was the son of an old chum of mins who is now dead. All four turned out badly. They were ungrateful dogs at dead. All four turned out bad-They were ungrateful dogs at ! You cannot make something that!

out of nothing."

Yes, I grant that your good seed in the case of these four young men may have been thrown away. But would have been thrown away. But would it not be worth while to have four, five or even ten such good seed plantings amount to naught if only the eleventh "seed" took root in some young man's heart and saved just one young man? Would not the satisfaction you get from having led one young man to be saved for Christ compensate you for all your wasted labor upon nineteen young men who were not saved? God will not reward rou according to the success of ward you according to the success of your labors, but according to the ef-forts you have honestly made, whether they have succeeded or failed.

God. Oh, missionary worker in the New On, missionary worker in the New York slums, what is the good of your rescue missions and your testi-mony meetings night after night? You know just as well as I know that nine-tenths of all your professed. mony meetings high as I know that nine-tenths of all your professed converts will become backsliders. That young woman who now arises with tears in her eyes and says, "Thank God, I have been saved from sin," may to-morrow be treading again the old path of wickedness. That man who signs the pledge to-night may be drunk again next week. That penitent gambler is only penitent until you give him a start in life again, and then he will gamble away his substance just the same as, he has done in the past. Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth lately wrote a book entitled "After Prison, What?" After prison for most ex-convicts is

hook entitled "After Prison, What?"
After prison for most ex-convicts is prison again. Two-thirds of the inmates of the penitentiary serve more than one term each. Once a thief for many of them is always a thief.

"All that you state is true," answers the missionary of the New York slums. "One-third, one-half—aye, perhaps three-fourths—of all our reformed cases may become backsliders. But if one out of every ten—be saved, is not the tenth man worth all the effort we have bestowed on the other nine? All the seed the farmer plants does not fall on good soil. Shall the farmer cease to plant? All sur labors for Christ may not bring sur labors for Christ may not bring sur labors for Christ may not bring the seed the same plants for Christ may not bring sur labors for Christ may not bring the seed the same plants for Christ may not bring sur labors for Christ may not bring

Shall the farmer cease to plant? All our labors for Christ may not bring in a gospel harvest, but are not the rewards we receive a multipotent blessing for our labors, no matter how great they may be?'s The New York missionary is right.

"Yes," some one says, "that is very pretty talk, but it does not bear well the test of logic. If while I sow one good seed aims other mea are sawing fares, will got the sine.

tares increase just as rapidly as the one good seed? In time will not the earth instead of being covered with the glory of God 'as the waters cover the sea,' be covered with the blood of a destroyed world? Instead of the world being better, as we would wish, is it not morally and spiritually becoming more and more de-prayed? Have I not a right, then, to my new year timidities?" No, my brother! No, no! A thousand times no! The reports of the gospel meteorologists do not bear out your

Meteorology is as rational a science as chemistry, geology, biology, physics or any other science. Like a skillful general, the Government, guarding against surprise, has organized its weather bureau and planted outpost stations everywhere. Thus no sconer does a storm start out on

ized its weather bureau and planted outpost stations everywhere. Thus no sooner does a storm start out on its mission of destruction than the weather bureau lifts its signals of warning. The sailors run to cover, and fruit growers hold back their shipments, and railrad officials gets out their snow plows and anticipate the attacks of the storm.

What the superintendent of the weather bureau can do in reading the positions of the atmospheric storm clouds the gospel meteorologist can do in telling us about the storm clouds of sin. What is it we learn from these Christian meteorological reports? From one and another heathen land comes the story of people turning from idols to serve the living God. Everywhere slavery and cruelty and inhumanity are being gradually suppressed. The world is coming more and more under the influence of the principles of Christ. It is a slow process, but the general trend is in the right direction. Evil for thousands of years has had its sway. We must not expect it to be trend is in the right direction. Evil for thousands of years has had its sway. We must not expect it to be easily or quickly dislodged. But the good time is coming. Only do not let us who live in Christian lands lose heart or hope. We have the promise of victory, we see the sky growing rosy with the coming dawn. Let us work on 'n faith and patience. Oh, my brother, think not this New Year's day opens a "dark day" for Christ. Think not that your labors for the coming year will be thrown away. Push on in faith and hope. Drive up. Look up, in the name of Jesus Plant in God's name; plant for Jesus Christ!

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No New Year's greeting from me could be voiced in more inspiring language than that of my text. These eight words have for me a loving remembrance. If any one should ask me what was my father's favorite passage of Scripture, without a moment's hesitation I would answer Ecclesiastes xi, 4, "He that observeth the wind shall not sow." They were to him his meat and strength for everyday work. He quoted them were to him his meet and strength for everyday work. He quoted them to himself almost every day of his life. He quoted them to his wife and children hundreds, aye, thousands of times. If any of us were discouraged or blue or cast down, his advice always was the same. Take advice always was a coursege. All will yet come out right. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow." Shall not we on this New Year's Sabbath press on with glorious anticipation for the gospel seed planting at hand, which will ultimately mean our harvest ahead? I pray God that this coming year the base of years to all of I pray God that this coming year may be the best of years to all of us, as it will surely be the last of earthly years to some of us, happy, happy New Year!

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