

A NEW YEAR'S HYMN FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

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HORD, to Thy child in love draw near,
To bless me in the bright New Year;
While for my life I give Thee praise,
And thank Thee for my past glad days.

Cleanse me from all that was not good;
Help me to love Thee as I should,
And grow each year more wise and strong
To do the right and flee the wrong.

Thou Who didst give Thy Life for me,
May all my years be given to Thee;
That I with Thee at last may spend
The glad New Year that will not end.

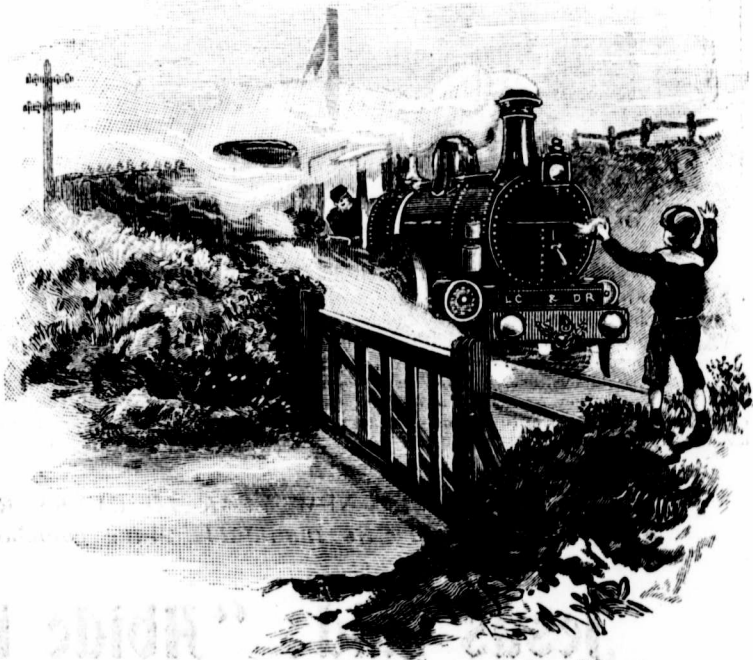
* As this Hymn has been specially written in words of one syllable, it is hoped that many Mothers will teach it to their young children. No doubt in after-life a hymn thus learnt will often recur to the memory.—EDITOR.

PRAYER-BOOK CALENDAR.—January 1, Circumcision; 6, Epiphany; 8, Lucian, Priest and Martyr; 13, 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Hilary, Bishop and Confessor; 18, Prisca, Virgin and Martyr; 20, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Fabian, Bishop and Martyr; 21, Agnes, Virgin and Martyr; 22, Vincent, Martyr; 25, Conversion of Saint Paul; 27, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.

A SPECIAL OFFER TO YOUNG HEROES.

WE have decided to mark the commencement of our Fourteenth Volume by an endeavour to encourage our young readers to cultivate a spirit of bravery and heroism, especially in the matter of saving life. To this end, we offer the sum of **THREE GUINEAS**, which will be awarded to any boy or girl, under the age of fifteen, who shall be recommended for the distinction by the Clergyman of the parish in which the act of bravery has been performed. The prize will be accompanied by a handsomely framed certificate, setting forth the circumstances under which it has been gained. Our artist has depicted an imaginary scene of presence of mind. A sturdy little chap has discovered that the storm in the night has brought down some trees, right across the railway track at an awkward curve in the line; so the young hero has taken his stand on the embankment, and by attracting the attention of the driver has succeeded in stopping the train, thus preventing a serious accident. We shall be interested to see which parish will be the first to inscribe a name on our honourable list of Young Heroes.

FREDE. SHERLOCK.



Specially drawn for THE CHURCH MONTHLY by PAUL THIIRAT.

GARDENING.

BY J. PEYTON WEBB,

Author of "My Garden in Winter and Summer," etc.

HARDY roses may be planted this month. The roots should be protected by a layer of ashes. The ground should be well manured. Crocuses and any other hardy bulbs may also be planted. Cuttings of gooseberries and currants may be taken. They should be planted three inches deep, about four or five inches apart. The ground should be covered with a coating of manure. Early peas can be sown, also celery, lettuce, carrots, spinach, etc. Pruning should be carefully attended to, and a general clearance made of dead leaves. Nothing is more unsightly than an untidy, neglected garden.

HOMELY COOKERY.

BY DOROTHY STUART.

(Certificated Teacher of Cookery.)

I.—Toad-in-the-Hole.

CUT a pound and a half of beefsteak into small pieces; place in a pie-dish with a seasoning of salt and pepper. Add a tablespoonful of flour, two eggs, a pint of milk, half a saltspoonful of salt. Bake for an hour and a half.

II.—Hotch-Potch.

TAKE three ounces of pearl barley, one cabbage, three or four carrots, two onions, one turnip, two ounces of butter, a seasoning of pepper and salt. Put the pearl barley into a saucepan in three quarts of water. Chop the vegetables into small pieces, and add them when the water boils. Boil the soup for two or three hours.