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### The New Year.

We are standing on the threshold, we are in the open door,  
We are treading on a border-land we have never trod before;  
Another year is opening, and another year is gone,  
We have passed the darkness of the night; we are in the early morn;  
We have left the fields behind us o'er which we scattered seed;  
We pass into the future which none of us can read.  
The corn among the weeds, the stones, the surface mould,  
May yield a partial harvest; we hope for sixty-fold.  
Then hasten to fresh labor, to reap and thresh and sow;  
Then bid the New Year welcome and let the Old Year go.  
Then gather all your vigor; press forward in the fight;  
And let this be your motto—"For God and for the Right!"—Selected.

### Something Greater.

There comes this deep and simple lure for any man as he crosses the line dividing one period of his life from another: Make it a time in which you shall realize your faith and also in which you shall expect of your faith new and greater things. Take what you believe and are, and hold it in your hand with new firmness as you go forward; but as you go, holding it, look on it with continual and confident expectation to see it open into something greater and truer.—Phillips Brooks.

### A New Page.

The zest and charm of life consist largely in the fact that each day is like a new page in the story. If you wish to enjoy your book you do not, when it is laid-read, turn to the closing chapter to discover how it turns out. You do not thank any one for telling you the plot. It is so with life. There is infinite satisfaction in each day's contribution to the record. You do not want to anticipate it. It would be a curse if any one could tell you just what the year would bring. Are we not in the hands of God? That is the reason for a happy New Year's Day.—Watchman.

### Win Another.

Three hundred and sixty-five days to witness for Christ in our appointed place, to stand at the post of duty though it bring no praise or honor save the approval of Him who knoweth His own, and who hath said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Regarded in this way how attractive the new year seems. We are eager to enter it and to share in its joys and triumphs. At the bloody battle of Marengo the French line fell back in a complete rout, and the officers rushed up to their commander crying, "The battle is lost." "Yes," exclaimed the general, "one battle is lost, but there is time to win another." Inspired by his faith and courage, the officers hurried back, turned the head of the retreating column, and when in a few hours the last gun was fired the French camped on the field of battle. Marengo had been won. So if we are thinking of battles lost during the past year, in school or business, or worse still, in character—lost temper, lost patience, lost spirituality, or prayerfulness—let us remember that there is yet time to win another battle. Raise the standard once more, take fresh courage, put on the whole armor, and God will surely give us the victory. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—Rev. H. W. Pope.

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